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1. R.A. Gov. Conf. — tel 593 — 17. 9. 42.

2. To Walker, F.O. — w/c 1 — 19. 9. 42.

3. Walker, F.O. — 25. 9. 42.

4. F.O. — cf tel 1770 from Cairo — 22. 10. 42.
   A) " 2394 to Cairo
   B) " 6072 to Washington

5 To Randall, F.O. — cons. — 31. 10. 42

6. F.O. — cf tel 5339 from Washington — 3. 11. 42

7. Randall, F.O. — w 14548/57/48. — 4. 11. 42.

8. F.O. — A) cf tel 5339 from Washington
   B) " 2647 to Cairo — 2. 11. 42.

9. F.O. — cf tel 2653 to Cairo — 4. 11. 42.

10. F.O. — cf tel 5771 fr. Washington — 26. 11. 42.

11 F.O. — cf tel 5772 fr. Washington — 26. 11. 42.

12. R.A. Gov. Conf — R.A.R.A. 24 — 19. 11. 42.

13 To Walker, F.O. — w/c 12 for P.R. — 18. 12. 42.

14 R. A. Gov. Conf. — tel 886 — 31. 12. 42.

I have had the correspondence about medical supplies etc. registered on a separate file to simplify matters. Unless the Econ. Dept. would prefer it to become one of their files, I think it will be more satisfactory that it should remain as a sub. file of the main E.A. refugee file.

It is not quite clear from (14) what the snag is but it is possible that the American Red Cross are waiting for confirmation that the E.A. Supply authorities agree with their local representatives programme, v. para. 2 of (10). It is clear from (12) and (14) that they do and I think we might proceed as in the dft. tel. herewith, but the Treasy should see first. It seems preferable to continue to use the channel of communication through the F.O. and the Embassy rather than to bring in the B.C.S.M.

The draft will have to be agreed with the F.O. before despatch and I enclose a letter to the Weather which can be despatched if the Treasy agrees.

D C Watherston

5.1.43

15 To Walker, F.O. — 5.1.43.

I have sent the letter of 15 Mr Walker. I should like Mr J.B. Wiseman to have a word with Mr Watherston about the regn of this compound in relation to supplies for refugees. I have no strong views about it, but feel in principle that the Econ. Dept.

Dept has enough to do already!

S.L. 5/1/43.

Perhaps Mr Wuthrich would ring me up when this returns to him.

JBW

6.1

I have spoken to Mr Williams who agrees that registration should remain geographical. E.A. Dept. is to refer to Econ. Dept., as if to a business house, whenever anything in the way of supplies or shipping is required.

F.O. concur in dft. tel. which may now issue.

DC Coathupton
at once
8.1.43

16 To E.A. Gov's. Conf. Tel. No. 24. 8/1/43.

17 To B.C.S.M. Tel. No. 32. 8/1/43

18. Randall, F.O. — W 80/80/48. — 11.1.43
— w/c tel 184 to Washington.
Put by DMO at once
16.1.43

19. F.O. tel. from Washington — 228 — 13.1.43
Tel. to Eugen L.W.
DC Coathupton
20.1.43

20 To East African Gov's Conf Tel no. 67 — 20/1/43

21 To Armstrong
22 To Randall
23 To Camps
24 To Wood
25 To Marshall

} w/c 20 + w/c 16/17
S/Camp
21.1.43.

26 To Vale } w/c 20 & w/c 16/77
27 To Essame } Stamp 21. 1. 43.
28 To Fox
29 To C. A. } w/c 20
30 To Hasler } Stamp 21. 1. 43.

RL

31 F.O. tel. from Washington — 511 — 31.1.43

It seems a pity that these supplies cannot go to East Africa but they are probably needed even more urgently in Persia and Russia. We know from (19) that the American Red Cross has started collecting the supplies asked for by E.A.

Mr Sidebotham should see. Put by.

J C Walthuston
9.2.43

10/2 attn

RL

32 Randall, F.O. — 10.2.43

Letter herewith
Ans
13.2.43

33 To Randall, F.O. — Ad and. — 13.2.43

RL

34 Polish, Mr Halowe — 17.2.43

35. Polish, Mr Halowe — 17.2.43

34 & 35 – These seem to be more for the Econ. Depts. than for the E.A. Dept. Can you advise what the reply should be?

J C Walthuston
9.3.43

Washington

I am not quite clear – although you probably know – where exactly the dividing line comes between the Polish Govt's responsibility for their refugees & that of the local Govt. I know that financially the Poles, Greeks etc. pay for this type of relief etc. work (out of credits provided by U.N.R.R.T.) but whether the responsibility for getting equipment, stores etc. is entirely theirs, is the point on which I am in doubt.

There are two possibilities in this case, it seems to me, either that the U.N. Govts. are providing for their additional requirements of equipment on their own territorial estimates of supplies, or that some arrangement is being made locally through the American Red X to get this equipment for the Poles. This latter possibility is suggested by para a (i) on page 2 of the Nairobi meeting of 12.11.42 enclosed at 32.

In the circs. I would hesitate to suggest approaching the Polish requests at 34 & 35 without first ascertaining from Lagos whether any arrangements have been made locally.

A further point which puzzles me a little is why the Poles do not approach direct through their Washington representatives for this equipment. As far as I know they are entitled to direct land-lease and have no need to do it through us. When we have rec'd a reply from Lagos we might consider advising the Poles to approach direct themselves but that we would be glad to ask B.C.S.R. to assist their team in Washington.

In the mean after cando, I think, to ask the Poles' letter tell them that we are telegraphing E.A. in order to ascertain whether any steps have been taken locally to arrange for supplies of this kind & that on receipt of this reply we will get in touch with them again.

? Attd. to Lagos herewith

N.R. 13/3

Mr Caine

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In view of the reference to Lease & Lend, have you any comment before this Cte. to GAGON goes off?

(I don't know if it is right for us to write direct to the Polish Min. of Health, especially if it's a question of Lease & Lend to the Polish Govt.)

SB
16.3.43

This is rather a tangle. The actual enquiry in No.35 was whether equipment could be obtained from the British Ministry of Health on the basis of Lease and Lend. I do not know of any Lend/Lease arrangement as between H.M.G. and the Polish Govt. As far as I know the position is as stated by Mr. Rosa. If therefore supplies from British sources were to be made, I presume that payment would be effected under those arrangements, but

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of course we should have to consult the Ministry of Health and the Treasury before entering into any specific arrangement with the Poles. On the other hand, it may be that what they really meant was that some British agency should intervene to obtain supplies from America under Lend/Lease. On that also I agree with Mr. Rose that it would be for the Poles to arrange direct and that we need not come into it.

What ever the source and method of procurement, however, it seems clearly desirable to get information from East Africa as to the actual facts of the position on the lines of the attached draft.

I am passing to Mr. Creasy as I think this now falls outside my sphere.

EC 17.3.43.

I think an higher tel. as in the Dft.

PL. 18/3/43.

D Gr. telegram passed.
Recur as to the letter

SD 19-3-43

3b To E.A. Govs. Conference. Tel. 292. Cons. 19/3/43

37 No. not used.

38 Bechuanaland — tel 86 — 13.3.43.

39. East African Refugee Admin. — EARA24

40 To Miss Hughes (orig. on main file) — 24.3.43 — 2.3.43

(38) has ~~better~~ been circulated to the various Departments interested here and does not appear to require further action at this end. Mr. Lambert should see.

39 - Supply Department may be interested to see. A copy of the enclosure should be sent to the Foreign Office (Mr. A.W.G. Randall) with my compliments.

With regard to the letter at (47) in the main file below from the Society of Friends, I enclose a draft telegram after discussion with Mr. Lambert and have also sent an acknowledgment to Miss Hughes. Supply Dept. should see in case there will be any difficulty about the 'workers' taking supplies out with them.

There is still the question of the letter to the Polish Ministry of Labour and Social Welfare to be settled, and the file should be recirculated as to this. There has been so much delay already in acknowledging (34) and (35) that I think we might wait until we get a reply to (36).

J Chatterton

I have slightly amended the tel. in view of intercept attached affixed 24. 3. 43.

C H Lambert
25.3.43

Mr Bentham: Supply aspect concerns you, I think, rather more than us. Shipping aspect on which the Mr Morris might have his own a view.

R 25/3

39. Is interesting in that it seems that clear instructions as to supplies have already been given to the Refugee authorities. In so far as provision of these supplies comes from civilian stocks, provision will doubtless have already been made in their estimates of programmed requirements and their normal orders through trade channels. Difficulties might arise should we get any considerable supplementary demands, in which case, I should be glad if this Department could be kept informed.

T. F. Bentham

26th March, 1943.

41 To Eagon, Nairobi. Tel. 312.
42 To Gov. N. Rhodesia. Tel. 103. } —— 26.3.43.

43 To F.O. w/c 39 dupe (encl). — Comps. 27.3.43

44 R.A. Gov. Conf. —— tel 252 —— 26.3.43

Letter to F.O. Permit. After it has gone, Mr Rosa, Mr Bentham, Mr Morris and Mr Lacie should see.

D C Weatherstone
31.3.43

7/+ 45 To Walker, F.O. — w/c 34-57 a 36+44 cons — 31.3.43

Mr. Laithe
Mr. Beckham
Mr. Higgins 1/4
Mr. Rose

to see & deal with if of air. R. Riley 31.3.4

Seen, thanks.

The only points I have noted in 39 are at A & B (marginal markings). Apparently the Polish Delegation make their own arrangements to import certain things. Unless Eagm include these requirements in their shipping report programme — which is not clear — the requirements are not likely to get included from the U.K. or the U.S.A. But no doubt the E.A. Supply Board keep an eye on this. R 302 have asked for the pls ~~[illegible]~~ urgently. It should be recorded. to Mr. Rose.

W.A.M. 1/4

Yes, I think this is all right. Both the E.A. Refugee Admin^n and the E.A. War Supplies Board are part of the E.A. Govs' Conf'ce organisation. So is the E.A. Production and Supply Council.

Dew 16/4

R. Sept 2/4

46. F.O. —— W 5233/F2/48 —— 8.4.43

47 Fraser, Treasury —— 14.4.43

(46) & (47) - Put by.

Thank you. Mr Eastwood may care to see this file. I will send over the main file, when it becomes available.

J C Weatherston

47A S. Rhodesia —— tel 215. —— 16.4.43 17.4.43
(Repd. for record. Orig. on 46692/5/48)

48 Nyasaland Tel 102 — 27.3.43
(original on 17046/43)

49 To Nyasaland Tel 85 - 23.4.43
(original on 17046/43)

47A, 48 & 49 registered for record. Put by.

Send at once

49A. Polish, Inf/Labour & Soc. Welfare 27.4.43 —— 21.4.43
(via Inf/Health)

Would you advise as to the reply. We should I think do what we can to facilitate the purchase of this medical equipment.

Sgd. B.E. Lambert.
29.4.43.

Mr. Watherston's we spoke about this

but I think you agree they should be told

to place the matter in the hands of the Polish Committee in Kenya, and procure the necessary equipment through the properly authorised channel. As you know the actual needs of all Colonies are now procured by means of a bulk indent for twelve months supplies, which are procured by the Crown Agents after approval by the Director of Medical Supplies, and we should not be able to make use of this machinery to secure the needs of organisations of this nature. I understand you will be good enough to take the necessary action.

of medical supplies

G. F. Beetham

3rd May, 1943.

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50 To Walker, F.O. — w/c 49A con — 5.5.43

51 To Barnes Do — w/c 50 encls — 5.5.43

52. F.O. — c/letter to Treasury — 4.5.43

53 Treasury — c/letter to Polish Embassy — 4.5.43

54 Fraser, Treasury — 8.5.43

(52) - (54) - The previous corr^n. is at (47)

Put by.

Dud at once

12.5.43

55 Henderson, F.O. — W 6930/8d/48 — 14.5.43

Mr Laybourt should see. Then put by.

CHO 15/5/43

Dud at once

14.5.43

56 E.A.G.C. NO. EARA. 24 Saving 14.6.43.

You should see this. Would you like to make enquiries, through whatever channels of information you may have, as to how this shipment came to be made, or shall we take the matter up straight away with the Polish Govt. through the Foreign Office?

Bill of Lading sent to Walker Foreign Office

Dc Leathuston
9.7.43

We think the better course to adopt is to take the matter up with the Polish Govt thro' the Foreign Office.

14.7.43

57 To E. A. Walker F.O. (w/c 56 + Encl) 14.7.43

58. F.O. 19.7.43.

Mr Armstrong to see. Then put by.

29/7/43

Dc Leathuston
28.7.43 at once

59 F.O. compo. 9.8.43.

See Pt 1 hereunto. GRS 46/8

60 To E.A.S.C. — Sec. 59 — 17.8.43

61 To Walker, F.O. — W/C 60 — 17.8.43.

62. Clark, Branquin & Co — 23.8.43.

Mr. Morris

4 welfare workers from Society of Friends are going to E. Africa to assist in teaching English. Please however see last para. of ~~E5~~ No. 47 A, the articles enumerated in no. 62 are required for refugees.

Can you advise pl. how no. 62 can best be dealt with?

C.W. Orton.

1.9.43.

If these supplies are for Kenya, Uganda or Tanganyika, and are to be sent out in bulk and not taken out by passengers' as personal luggage, the procedure for ordering them is set out in 39, according to which supplies for housing, clothing, feeding and doctoring the refugees are the responsibility of the Colonial Import authorities, whilst supplies for cultural activities and employment on productive schemes are arranged by the Polish Delegation. If, therefore, the Company

Company have not yet secured import licences for the goods mentioned in 62, they should be advised to ask the Society of Friends to make the necessary arrangements in East Africa. If the supplies are for Northern Rhodesia and the letter refers to the arrangements mentioned in 47(a) the answer might be different, but I suggest that a reply might be send as in draft.

W. A. M.

3.9.43.

63 To Messrs. Clark, Drangwin & Co. — 10.9.43.

RL

As regard enemy Prisoners of war, I wd. have thought that they were a Red Cross responsibility (someone in Defence Dept. might be able to confirm this) in which case these supplies wd. be chargeable against the Red Cross allocation; they appear to have one. Probably the correct course in this case wd. be for the order to originate with the Red Cross in Kenya, or if the Kenya Govt. are acting for the Red Cross, for the Kenya Govt. to have sent the order direct to the Red Cross here.

This is all rather unhelpful I'm afraid, as far as answering (7) is concerned, since my views are so largely conjecture.

On the specific point of answering (7) I wd. suggest your asking Defence Dept to tell you, or find out for you, who is responsible for enemy P.O.W. in Kenya and for us to find out from the responsible body how exactly orders of this

this kind shd. be handled. You cd. then either ask Bell to explain the correct "drill" to Dalgety & ask them to go back to Kenya on those lines, or alternatively, and perhaps more correctly, we might pass info. on ourselves to Kenya & ask them to observe the correct procedure. You cd. tell Bell that we have done so. As (7) refers only to P.O.W. that wd. dispose of (7). AR 29/8.

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46692/2/43.

4th September, 1943.

Gentlemen,

I am directed by Colonel Oliver Stanley to refer to your letter (D/FSC) of the 23rd August addressed to the Offices of the War Cabinet, which has been passed to this Office for attention. It is understood that your Clients, the Society of Friends, wish to ship the goods mentioned to East Africa and not to North Africa as was stated in the letter. Before any arrangements can be made for the export of such goods, it is first necessary for import licences to be obtained in East Africa. If, therefore, this has not yet been done, I am to suggest that you should ask your Clients to approach the Import Licensing authorities in the Colony concerned.

I am, Gentlemen,
Your obedient servant,

Sgd. G. F. Lee.

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Mr Morris. 3/9/43.
Mr Greenhill. 3/9
Mr Footman. J. Curr 3/9.
Mr. G. E. J. Gent.
Mr. G. L. M. Clauson.
Mr. C. J. Jeffries.

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Dover House,
Whitehall
S.W.1.

September, 1943.

DRAFT. LETTER.

MESSRS. CLARK, BRANGWIN & CO.
LIMITED.

61-2, BROAD STREET AV.,

LONDON, E.C.2.

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I am, etc.

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OFFICES OF THE WAR CABINET
GREAT GEORGE STREET
S.W.1.

Mr Morris
Colonial Office

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Is this yours? I have discovered it is East Africa, not North Africa which is in question. Miss Hughes, Society of Friends, Euston 3606, inspired Clark Blanguy's letter.

W M Fox

26. 8. 43.

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D/FSC 23/8/43

H.T.Boudillon Esq.,
at the Office of the War Cabinet
St Georges Street S.W.1

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Sir,

Our clients, the Society of Friends, wish us to buy on their a/c and ship to ~~North~~ Africa, various goods such as womens cotton dress materials, sewing cottons, needles, hosiery & underwear, in connection with their relief work amongst the Polish people in ~~North~~ East Africa

We shall be glad if you will kindly inform us what procedure we should follow; should we require to find makers of the required goods who have an allocation for ~~North~~ East Africa, and apply for export licences in the usual way, i.e. in the way we do for South Africa and some other places? We presume coupons would not be required.

The London Chamber of Commerce (Inc) have suggest that we write to you for the above information.

Yours faithfully

Per Pro. CLARK BRANGWIN & Co. LTD.

J Davis

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Downing Street.

17th August, 1943.

46692/2/43.

Dear Walker,

Many thanks for sending a copy of Rucinski's letter to you of the 24th July about the soap which was sent to Kenya.

I enclose a copy of a saving telegram we have sent to the Governors' Conference. I do not know if you feel like drawing Colonel Mitchell's attention to the futility of sending soap to East Africa where it is available in abundance. Otherwise we do not suppose to do anything further about it.

Yours sincerely

Sgd. G. F. Seel.

E.A. WALKER, ESQ.

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Saving tel (dft. hereunto)

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Saving.

From the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

To the Officer Administering the Government of THE CHAIRMAN, EAST AFRICAN GOVERNORS' CONFERENCE.

Date 17th August, 1943.

No. 53 **Saving.**

With reference to your saving telegram No. EARA 24 of the 14th of June regarding the shipment to East Africa of 998 cases of soap from the United Kingdom it appears that this consignment also included clothing, football kit and games and was addressed to Mr. C. Gayer, Masindi Polish Refugee Camp, Uganda.

It emanated from the British Committee for Polish Welfare, an organisation of which Colonel Mitchell, M.P. is the Chairman.

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DRAFT. Saving telegram No. 53

Chairman
E.A. Gov. Conference.

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to the Committee that such consignments should cease I propose to let the matter rest.

Sreer.

D. C. Watherston Esq.
Colonial Office

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Copy.

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POLISH EMBASSY,
47, PORTLAND PLACE,
LONDON, W.1.

No.792/Afr./123

Ref: your letter No 46692/2/43 14th July.

24th July, 1943.

Dear Walker, (59)

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(58) With reference to your letter W 10337/82/48 of 19th July, 1943, I am returning herewith the copy of the Bill of Lading with regard to the despatch of 998 cases of laundry soap sent from this country to Mombasa.

I wish to point out that this consignment was not sent by the Polish Government, but as it appears from the Bill of Lading, by Colonel Mitchell's organisation. As the British Committee for Polish Welfare has not informed the Polish Government of the consignment I should be grateful if you would kindly inform of the above facts the Colonial Office.

Yours sincerely,
(Signed) J. Rucinski

With the Compliments
of the
Under Secretary of State
for Foreign Affairs

A.E. Walker, Esq.,
Foreign Office,
London, S.W.1.

9 - AUG 1943

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Received the packages shown on this Bill of Lading in good order and condition externally without prejudice to non-apparent loss or damage as mentioned in Article 3, paragraph 6 of the rules contained in the Schedule of the Carriage of Goods by Sea Act, 1924, except as follows*—

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Vessel arrived _____

Vessel commenced delivery _____

Vessel completed delivery _____

Date of first report to ship's Agent of damage and deficiencies } _____

Signature _____

(*See* paragraphs 284-290 Regulations for Supply, Transport and Barrack Services, 1930.)

* *Delete the last three words if a clean receipt can be given.*

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27/4/43

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CHARGEABLE to Polish Government

S/L Ph/D/6

Concluding this sheet and consignation sheet.

BILL OF LADING FOR WAR DEPARTMENT STORES

(For use only in the case of shipments from a port in Great Britain or Northern Ireland)

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CONSIGNEE Mr. C. Gayer, esindi Polish Refugee Camp, Uganda. at the PORT of Mombasa.

*In figures, in words.

subject to the Regulations for His Majesty's Sea Transport Service or to the Regulations for the conveyance of Government stores when arranged by the Shipping Agents to the Minister of War Transport, whichever shall be named in the Tender or Engagement for Freight, and to the conditions in the Charter-Party or Agreement entered into with the Minister of War Transport, the Director of Sea Transport or with the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, as the case may be. In Witness whereof the Master of the said ship hath affirmed to Three Bills of Lading all of this tenor and date one of which Bills being accomplished the others to stand void.

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This Bill of Lading shall have effect subject to the provisions of the Carriage of Goods by Sea Act 1924, which shall be deemed to be incorporated herein and nothing herein contained shall be deemed a surrender by the carrier of any of his rights or immunities or an increase of any of his responsibilities or liabilities under the said Act. If any term of this Bill of Lading be repugnant to the said Act to any extent, such term shall be void to that extent, but no further.

Captain C. Aldermann

Tulliarman Castle, Kincardine - on - Forth. Birkenhead

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General Average unless otherwise agreed in the Charter Party shall be payable according to the York—Antwerp Rules, 1924. fso

Consignor's Reference Movement Index No. 15248.

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Received (per Col. 12)	S.T.O. Port of Discharge	Date	
	For M.C. at Port of Discharge	Date	
Despatched to Consignee (per Col. 13)	For M.C. at Port of Discharge	Date	

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	F.S.O. 15248	~~1019~~ 1016	Pkgs	Laundry Soap, Clothing, Football Kit and Games.	26	-	35	20						
	GRAND TOTAL or TOTAL carried forward	~~1019~~ 1016	pkgs		26	-	35	20						

Dated at Birkenhead. this 9th day of February 1943

Signature of Forwarding Officer or Consignor

Signature of Master

Received (per Col. 14) Consignee. Date

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With Mr. Walker's compliments.

rec'd 19/7

W 10337/82/48 FOREIGN OFFICE, S.W.1.

19th June, 1943.

Dear Rucinski,

The Colonial Office have asked me to draw your attention to what they consider an instance of wasteful use of shipping space, namely the despatch of 998 cases of laundry soap consigned from the United Kingdom by the Polish Government and arriving at Mombasa about a month ago. They also wish me to draw your attention to the fact that it is unnecessary to send soap from the United Kingdom to East Africa, and they would like to know how the shipment was arranged. They add that the Polish authorities in Africa have been repeatedly informed to keep the local import control authorities advised of requests made by them to the Polish Government for refugee stores.

I enclose herein for your perusal and return a copy of the relevant bill of lading.

(Signed) E.A. WALKER

M. Rucinski,
Polish Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

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Downing Street,
S.W.1.

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14 July, 1943.

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Dear Walker,

I enclose a copy of a saving telegram from Nairobi which is self-explanatory. We should be grateful if you would take whatever steps you think appropriate to bring the matter to the attention of the Polish Government in view of the waste of effort and shipping space involved in transporting articles of this kind from this country to East Africa.

Yours sincerely,

(Sgd) D. L. Watherston

E.A. WALKER, ESQ.

C.O.

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LETTER SENT ✓

REGISTERED No. 46692/2/43

Downing Street, S.W.1.

DATE. 14 July, 1943.

DRAFT

MR. Watherston

MR. 14/7/43

MR.

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Yours sincerely,

(sgd) L. B. Walkerton

ENCLOSURES

Copy of (56), ~~Encs.~~ and bill of lading in original.

FURTHER ACTION

To E.A. WALKER, ESQ.

[12583A] Wt. 47177/205 10m. 2/42 C.N.Ld. 748
[12935C] Wt. 12138/223 20m. 5/42 C.N.Ld. 748

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AIR MAIL

Telegrams:
"Confgov, Nairobi"

Ref. No.....

OFFICE OF THE
CONFERENCE OF EAST AFRICAN GOVERNORS
P.O. Box 601
NAIROBI, KENYA

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SAVING TELEGRAM

To: SECRETARY OF STATE.

From: CHAIRMAN, EAST AFRICAN GOVERNORS' CONFERENCE.

DATE: 14TH JUNE 1943

No: EARA.24 SAVING.

Shipment of 998 cases of laundry soap has recently arrived at Mombasa consigned from United Kingdom by Polish Government on Bill of Lading of which copy is enclosed. It is suggested that the attention of the Polish Government might be invited to the fact that it is unnecessary to send soap from the United Kingdom to East Africa. It would be interesting to know how this shipment was arranged. Polish authorities here have repeatedly been asked to keep local import control authorities advised of requests made by them to the Polish Government for stores for the refugees.

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FOREIGN OFFICE,

S.W.1. 55

12th May, 1943.

(W 6930/82/48) 38

Dear Watherston,

50 Would you please refer to your letter 46692/2/43 of the 5th May about surgical and dental equipment for Polish refugees?

I learn from the Polish Ministry of Labour and Social Welfare that these supplies are intended for Northern Rhodesia and we are accordingly replying to the Poles in the same way as we did in our letter of 8th April (W 5233/82/48) to which you referred. 66

A copy of our reply is enclosed.

Yours sincerely,

Ian L. Henderson

(I.L.Henderson)

D.G.Watherston,Esq.,
Colonial Office.

FOREIGN OFFICE, S.W.1.

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W 6930/82/48.

12th May, 1948.

Your Excellency,

I have the honour to request Your Excellency to be so good as to refer to a letter (reference WZ/PR L. dz A/672/Dz.Zdr.) dated the 21st April addressed by His Excellency the Polish Minister of Labour and Social Welfare to the British Ministry of Health regarding surgical supplies for Polish refugees in Northern Rhodesia.

2. I have the honour to request that you will inform the Polish Minister of Labour that the acquisition in this country of the equipment referred to would cause duplication owing to the arrangements which are being made by the East African Refugees Administration in Nairobi for the supply of all kinds of medical equipment and stores, a great part of which is being provided by the American Red Cross. The authorities concerned, therefore, suggest adherence to the procedure whereby any such needs are represented if necessary to the East African Refugees Administration by the Polish Authorities and dealt with in consulation with the Directors of Medical Services and the American Red Cross representative in East Africa.

I have the honour to be, with the highest consideration,

Your Excellency's obedient Servant,

(For the Secretary of State)

(Sgd.) A. W. G. RANDALL

His Excellency
Count Edward Raczyński,
etc., etc., etc.,
47, Portland Place,
W.1.

Copies sent to Henderson (F.O) Watherston (Colonial) Gilchrist (India) and Hansen (U.K.C.C.)

WITH THE COMPLIMENTS OF MR. W.L. FRASER.

F.16208/011/3

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8th May, 1943.

My dear Mohl,

I have received your letter of 6th May, from which I note that you consider that an amount of £40,000 will suffice for the time being for expenditure in connection with the purchase of equipment and supplies for the Polish refugees transferred from Persia to British East African possessions via Bombay.

I am, therefore, having an amount of £40,000 paid out of the Polish Civil Credit to Messrs. Lazard Brothers & Co. Ltd. for account of the Polish Government, Account No. 1. I understand you will thereupon place the amount at the disposal of the U.K.C.C.

Yours sincerely,

(sgd) W. L. Fraser.

W. Mohl, Esq.
Polish Embassy.

Copies sent to Henderson (F.O.) Watherstone (Colonial) Gilchrist (India) and Hansen (U.K.C.C.)

WITH THE COMPLIMENTS OF
MR. W. L. FRASER.

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F.16208/011/3

46692/2/43

4th May, 1943.

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My dear Mohl,

I have now heard from the Foreign Office with regard to your request for an amount of £60,000 to be placed at the disposal of the Polish Consulate General at Bombay through the U.K.C.C. to cover the purchase of equipment and supplies for Polish refugees transferred from Persia to British East African possessions.

Although the Foreign Office support the request, I understand that M. Rucinski is of opinion that the full amount of £60,000 may not be necessary. If you agree, I would therefore like to suggest that we should authorise an amount of £40,000 which I will have paid, upon hearing from you, out of the Polish Civil Credit to Messrs. Lazard Brothers & Co. for account of the Polish Government Account No. 1.

Yours sincerely,

(sgd) W. L. Fraser.

W. Mohl, Esq.
Polish Embassy.

D. G. Watherston Esq.
Colonial Office.

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FOREIGN OFFICE, S.W.1. 42

3rd May, 1943.

(6576/6/48)

With the Compliments of the Under Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs

4 MAY 1943

Dear Fraser,

With reference to our recent telephone conversation regarding the request of the Polish authorities for permission to transfer the sum of £60,000 to the United Kingdom Commercial Corporation in India for the purchase of equipment and supplies for Polish refugees destined for East Africa, M. Rucinski states that this sum will be required by about 10,000 Polish refugees as they pass through India on their way to East Africa. The expenditure will be made in accordance with the original request from the British colonial authorities that parties of refugees should arrive fully equipped with a number of articles that appear to be unobtainable in East Africa. M. Rucinski adds that it may not be necessary to spend the whole amount. In our view the request seems reasonable and we should be glad to support it.

M. Rucinski explained that he had made the above request by telephone and not by letter as he wished requests of this kind, namely for expenditure on equipment for refugees destined for East Africa to be regarded as matters of routine now that the necessity for such expenditure had been accepted in principle both by the British and Polish authorities.

Copy sent Mr Gilchrist (IO)

Yours sincerely,

(Sgd) Ian L. Henderson

(I.L.Henderson)

W.L. Fraser, Esq.,
Treasury.

C.O.

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LETTER SENT

REGISTERED No.

46692/2/43

DATE

Downing Street, S.W.1.

5 May, 1943.

DRAFT

MR. Watherston 4/5/43 (45)

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(46)-

Dear Walker,

Would you be so good as to refer to my letter of the 31st of March on the subject of a request which we received from the Polish Ministry of Labour and Social Welfare for surgical and dental equipment, and to your letter No. W.5233/82/48 of the 8th of April to the Polish Ambassador on the same subject?

I now enclose a copy of a further letter which has been passed to us by the Ministry of Health which asks for authorisation to purchase surgical equipment for Polish refugees in "Rhodesia". If this refers to Northern Rhodesia it appears to call for the same reply as before, namely that the acquisition of this equipment in this country would cause duplication owing to the arrangements which are being made by the East African Refugees Administration in Nairobi for the supply of all kinds of medical equipment and stores, a great part of which is being

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(Temp. file)
Letter of 21.4.43 in 45349/43

FURTHER ACTION

1. Copy to E.S.A. Baynes, Dominions Office

2. Transfer corr. on 45349/43 (Temp. file) to this file

To E. A. WALKER, ESQ.

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[12935C] Wt. 12138/223 20m. 5/42 C.N.Ld. 748

being provided by the American Red Cross.

If the request refers to Southern Rhodesia, I do not know what arrangements have been made by the Government there for ~~the~~ medical supplies for the refugees for whom they are finding accommodation, and I am sending a copy of this letter to Baynes in the Dominions Office.

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D. C. Watterston

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The Secretary
Economic Division
Colonial Office.

For your please - the minister has been informed -

Ministry of Health
Whitehall.
23. 4. 43.

handed or forwarded to applicant

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III. AUTHORITY TO OBTAIN.

EGGS
EG.C.1.

(Keep this in your Ration Book)

To:

Name .....

Address .....

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You are hereby authorised to obtain eggs on a priority basis during the period

..... to ..... inclusive.

Signed .....
Food Executive Officer.

Date .....

FOOD OFFICE STAMP.

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PRACY I OPIEKI SPOŁECZNEJ

POLISH MINISTRY
OF LABOUR AND SOCIAL WELFARE

62-64 Brook Street,
~~43, LOWNDES SQUARE,~~
~~KNIGHTSBRIDGE,~~
~~S.W.I.~~
TEL: ~~SLO 8147~~ May 2866

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April 21st, 1943

HEALTH
A 22 APR 1943
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Health Department
WZ/PH
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Department S2,
Ministry of Health,
Whitehall, S.W.1.

Copy to Walker (3 on 4692/2/43) file
" " Bangyes "

Sir,

Authorization to purchase and send medical supplies.

We are very anxious to purchase 4 sets of light surgical equipment, such as is used in out-patient clinics, for our Refugee settlements in Rhodesia. We have been informed by cable from the Medical Officer, that the need for this equipment is extremely urgent.

May we ask you to be so kind as to give us authorization to buy these sets, up to the sum of £100 each, at the Medical Supplies Association, 95 Wimpole Street, W.1., as well as the necessary permission to ship this material to Rhodesia. The Polish Ministry of Labour and Social Welfare will pay for the equipment.

Yours truly,

Dr. W. Zakrzewski

Francis Dunn
Colonial Office

VIC.4400

A/672/DZ.ZDr. 23rd April, 1943

Sir,

I am directed by the Minister of Health to inform you that your letter of the 21st instant, in connection with the purchase of surgical equipment for your refugee settlements in Rhodesia, has been forwarded to the Economic Division, Colonial Office, S.W.1. Any further enquiries of this nature should be addressed to that Department.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient Servant,

F. A. PARTRIDGE.

The Secretary,
Polish Ministry of Labour &
Social Welfare,
62-64, Brook Street,
S.W.1

Draft on
[illegible]046/43

Code Telegram

TO NYASALAND (Sir E. Richards)

FROM S. OF S., COLONIES.

Sent 23rd April, 1943. 15.30 hrs.

No. 85

Your telegram No. 102.

Leather footwear.

1. Arrangements made with Board of Trade to meet your requirements stated in paragraphs 1 and 2.

2. Regret unable to secure supplies covering requirements in paragraph 3. Record of discussion held in Nairobi on 12th November stated that American Red Cross would endeavour to obtain 10,000 pairs of shoes from United States for Polish refugees in East Africa, Suggest you communicate with Nairobi direct.

Copies sent to:-
Board of Trade - Sir G. Mahon.

Original on 12046/43

AMENDED COPY. (Amendment underlined)

Code Telegram

FROM NYASALAND (Sir E. Richards)

TO S. OF S., COLONIES.

D. 27th March, 1943.
R. 27th " " 14.00 hrs.

No. 102.

(12046/42) My telegram No. 176 of 13th June 1942 and connected correspondence.

Leather footwear.

Nyasaland's normal essential requirements remain as stated in my telegram under reference but alternative sources of supply, viz. Rhodesia and South Africa, now virtually closed. Accordingly grateful if you will obtain release of full quantity from the U.K.

2. Curtailment of supply of children's shoes particularly serious. Understand that Limbe Trading Company have a firm order for 834 pairs accepted by Clarke's but the Board of Trade allowed only 134 pairs and this upheld on representations to you in view of telegrams under reference. Review of this case resulting in early release and shipment of the balance would ease the immediate situation pending placing of new order.

3. Additional to above requirements for normal population, 1,000 pairs of shoes sizes 10 to 7 required for Polish refugee children. Government of Southern Rhodesia have been asked in the special circumstances to supply immediate requirements but Rhodesia allocation will suffice for maximum of six months. Grateful if the Crown Agents may be asked to order and ship this 1,000 pairs.

Copies sent to:-

Board of Trade - Sir G. Mahon.
Crown Agents for the Colonies.

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Code Telegram

FROM NORTHERN RHODESIA (Sir J. Waddington)

TO S. OF S., COLONIES.

D. 17th April, 1943.
R. 17th " " 21.45 hrs.

No. 215

Addressed to the S. of S.
Repeated to East African Governors' Conference
No. 111, reference his telegram No.381.

Your telegram No. 103.

Polish refugees.

In my telegram No. 385 of 23rd September, I welcomed the proposal that the Society of Friends should send out staff to Northern Rhodesia to organise handicraft. Since that date there has been large influx of refugees, and efforts made to start handicraft have achieved considerable degree of success. The position therefore has changed, and our present needs are funds and materials rather than supervision. The willingness of the Society of Friends to assist in this matter is greatly appreciated, but in the changed circumstances I would hesitate to ask the Society to send out resident representatives, only to find that their services might be of more value in some other territory.

In case they still decide, however, to send workers to this territory, they should bring wool and miscellaneous haberdashery as suggested. Twelve sewing machines per camp have been provided, but three treadle machines for tailoring are urgently required. Other materials which are unobtainable here, and which would be of great value, are carpenters tools, small gardening tools, knitting needles, embroidery cloth, sewing needles, silk and cotton, raffia and dress materials.

WITH THE COMPLIMENTS OF MR. W. L. FRASER.

TREASURY CHAMBERS.

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14th April, 1943.

My dear Mohl,

I have received your letter of yesterday with a request for a further amount of £60,000 for purchases in India for Polish refugees.

Neither the United Kingdom Commercial Corporation nor the Foreign Office appear to have any details regarding this request and I should, therefore, be grateful if you would let me have a few more particulars. How long do you expect the £60,000 will last and how many refugees will it cover? I think your request was a little vague.

Yours sincerely,

(sgd) W. L. Fraser.

W. Mohl, Esq.
Polish Embassy.

Copies to Henderson (F.O.)
Latherstan (Colonial)
Guldcrist (India)
Hansen (UKCC)

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POLISH EMBASSY.

Financial Counsellor.

No. 2015/40/43.

47, Portland Place,
London, W.1.

13th April, 1943.

My dear Fraser,

Following my letter of the 24th February 1943, No.1806/40/43, and your reply of the 25th February 1943, in which you agreed that an amount of £15,000 could be paid out of the Polish Civil Credit, and placed by us at the disposal of the Polish Consulate General in Bombay through the United Kingdom Commercial Corporation in London, I wish to inform you that a further amount of £60,000 is requested for the same purpose, i.e: for the purchase in India of small tools and personal tropical equipment to be delivered to the Polish refugees transferred from Persia to British East African possessions, when their ships call on Indian ports.

I understand that the Foreign Office and the Colonial Office, with whom the purchase of the above mentioned articles in India for the Polish refugees, has been agreed upon, are aware of the matter, and I should be grateful if you would kindly arrange for an amount of £60,000, to be placed out of the Polish Civil Credit to the Polish Government Account No.I. with Messrs. Lazard Bros. & Co. Ltd. Upon receipt, this amount will be paid to the United Kingdom Commercial Corporation in London.

Yours sincerely,

(Sgd) W. MOHL

Financial Counsellor.

W.L. Fraser, Esq.,
The Treasury,
Great George Street,
S.W.1.

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FOREIGN OFFICE, S.W.1.

No. W 5233/82/48

8th April, 1943.

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D. C Watherston, Esq.,
Colonial Office

Your Excellency,

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I have the honour to request Your Excellency to be so good as to refer to two letters (References respectively JB/PH L. dz A/500/Dz. Zdr. and JB/PH L. dz A/501/Dz. Zdr.), both dated 27th February, addressed by His Excellency the Polish Minister of Labour and Social Welfare to the British Ministry of Health regarding dental supplies for Polish refugees in East Africa.

2. I have the honour to request that you will inform the Polish Minister of Labour that the American Red Cross have approved one indent for medical equipment and supplies, which will be shipped to East Africa from Karachi and that they are considering the despatch of an additional indent. The acquisition in this country of the equipment referred to in the above-mentioned correspondence would cause duplication, and the authorities concerned therefore suggest adherence to the procedure whereby any such needs are represented, if necessary, to the East Africa Refugees Administration by the Polish authorities and dealt with in consultation with the Director of Medical Services and the American Red Cross Representative in East Africa.

I have the honour to be, with the highest consideration,
Your Excellency's obedient Servant,
(For the Secretary of State)

sgd Maurice Peterson

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Ref. Your letter to Mr Walker of March 31st

WITH THE COMPLIMENTS OF
THE UNDER-SECRETARY OF
STATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS
8 APR 1943

His Excellency
Count Edward Raczyński,
etc., etc., etc.,
47, Portland Place,
W.1.

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Colonial Office,
Downing Street,
S.W.1.

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Dear Walker,

I enclose copies of two letters from the Polish Ministry of Labour and Social Welfare which were originally addressed to the Ministry of Health and were subsequently passed to us. I also enclose copies of telegrams which we have exchanged with Nairobi on the subject of the surgical and dental equipment for which the Poles have asked.

In view of the reply from Sir Henry Moore, it would seem that an explanation should be given to the Poles on the lines of the telegram of the 26th March, and we should be grateful if you would do this as we assume that you would prefer that we should not ourselves enter into direct correspondence with Polish Government Departments even on such matters as these.

If you agree that a reply should be sent on these lines, there will be no need to go into the precise meaning of the request for the equipment to be supplied on the basis of lease-lend. It was not entirely clear to us whether this meant lease-lend as between His Majesty's Government and the Polish Government or whether the Poles wanted some British Agency to intervene to obtain supplies for them from America under lease-lend.

Yours sincerely,

Sgd D. C. Watherston

E.A.WALKER, ESQ.

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C. O.

Mr. Watherston, 31.3.43.
Mr.
Mr.
Mr. G. E. J. Gent.
Mr. G. L. M. Clauson.
Mr. C. J. Jeffries.

Sir A. Dawe.
Sir W. Battershill.
Permt. U.S. of S.
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Secretary of State.

For my signature

DRAFT. S.O. LETTER.

Downing Street,
31 March, 1943.

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E.A. WALKER, ESQ.
FOREIGN OFFICE.

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FURTHER ACTION.

Mr Rose
- Beckham
- Morris
- Layton
} to see

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COPY FOR REGISTRATION

Cypher Telegram
(O.T.P.)

FROM EAST AFRICAN GOVERNORS CONFERENCE
(Sir H. Moore)

TO S. OF S., COLONIES.

D. 26th March, 1943.
R. 26th " " 15.40 hrs.

RECEIVED IN REGISTRY

No. 252.

3/6 Your telegram No. 292.

Polish refugees.

American Red Cross have approved indent for medical equipment and supplies enclosed in letter of 19th November 1942 from the "Chief Secretary to the Governors' Conference to the East African Governors (copies to Colonial Office) and arrangements are being made to ship them here from Karachi. Additional indent is under consideration by the American Red Cross. Procurement by you of the equipment referred to in your telegram, would cause duplication, and it is doubtful if it is all required. It is better to adhere to the procedure whereby any such needs are represented, if necessary, to the East African Refugees Administration by the Polish authorities, and dealt with in consultation with the Directors of Medical Services and the American Red Cross Representative, who is here for this purpose.

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Copies sent to:-

Foreign Office - Mr. A.W.G. Randall.
Treasury - Mr. W.L. Fraser.

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Code Telegram

TO EAST AFRICAN GOVERNORS CONFERENCE
(Sir H. Moore)

FROM S. OF S., COLONIES.

Sent 26th March, 1943. 22.45 hrs.

No. 312.

Addressed Eagon, Nairobi.
Repeated Governor, Northern Rhodesia No. 103,
reference Northern Rhodesia telegram
No. 385.

Reference telegram No. 193 from Eagon to me. Society of Friends has raised the question of supplies required for setting up occupational activities and has suggested that their workers who are proceeding to Northern Rhodesia might take with them wool and miscellaneous haberdashery and possibly other articles including sewing machines. In the case of Uganda and Tanganyika they have suggested that sewing machines and agricultural seeds would be required but have been informed that supplies of both are already assured and that it will in any case be preferable to wait until Miss Jowitt has discussed the whole question of assistance from Society when she has arrived in Nairobi.

As four workers, of whom it is understood two are eventually destined for East Africa, expect to leave Lisbon for Lobito and Lusaka towards end of April I should be grateful for early reply regarding supplies for Northern Rhodesia.

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[13702] Wt. 32385/242 10m. 10/42 C.N.Ld. 748

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C. O.

Mr. Watherston 24/3/43
Mr. Lambert 25/3
Mr. ~~Rosa~~ Bentham 26/3 attached
Mr. G. E. J. Gent.
Mr. G. L. M. Clauson.
Mr. C. J. Jeffries.

Sir A. Dawe.
Sir W. Battershill.
Permt. U.S. of S.
Parly. U.S. of S.
Secretary of State.

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27 MAR 1943

DRAFT. CODE TELEGRAM.

ADDRESSED :-

EAGON, NAIROBI.

REPEATED :-

GOVERNOR, NORTHERN RHODESIA.

(83 in 45344/42 N.R.)

(45) on main file

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FURTHER ACTION.
1. Copy of (39) to F.O. (see minute)
2. Re-circulate

Copy for 45349/43 N. Rhod.

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Downing Street,
S.W.1.

Drafton

46692/43.

March, 1943.

Dear Miss Hughes,

(47) on file

Thank you for your letter EH/DM of the 19th of March. We have telegraphed to Northern Rhodesia about the supplies of haberdashery and wool, and I will let you know as soon as we have received the Governor's reply.

We have also suggested to the Conference of East African Governors in Nairobi that the whole question of supplies should be discussed with Miss Jowitt when she arrives there.

MISS HUGHES.

EAST AFRICAN REFUGEE ADMINISTRATION

P.O. Box 601
Telephone No. 3364
Telegrams:
"Confgov", Nairobi
(prefixed "Eara")

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER
RHODES HOUSE, NAIROBI

Ref. No. EARA. 24

2nd March 1943

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The Hon. Chief Secretary, Nairobi.
The Hon. Chief Secretary, Entebbe.
The Hon. Chief Secretary, Daressalaam.

SUPPLIES FOR POLISH REFUGEE CAMPS

Sir,

I have the honour to forward the enclosed Memorandum, detailing the arrangements agreed upon for ensuring supplies for Polish Refugee Camps in Kenya, Uganda and Tanganyika, which has been prepared by the Secretary, E.A. Production & Supply Council.

I have the honour to be
Sir,
Your obedient servant.

E. B. BELCHER
COMMISSIONER: E.A. REFUGEE ADMINISTRATION.

Copies for information to:

The Colonial Office
The Hon. Chief Secretary, Zomba
The Director of War Evacuees & Camps, Lusaka
The Director of Internment Camps, Salisbury.
The Secretary, E.A. War Supplies Board, Nairobi.
The Director of Aliens & Internees, Nairobi.
The Director of Refugees, Kampala.
The Commissioner for Aliens & Internees, Daressalaam.
The Polish Consul General, Nairobi.

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SUPPLIES FOR POLISH REFUGEE CAMPS.
KENYA, UGANDA AND TANGANYIKA.

The following notes set out the arrangements agreed for ensuring supplies for Polish Refugee Camps in the three territories, with a view effecting liaison between the various supply authorities concerned, and to avoid overlapping in meeting requirements. The division of responsibility is based on the broad principle that the British authorities are primarily concerned with the housing, clothing, feeding and medical welfare of the refugees, while the Polish Delegation will take care of their education, cultural activities and employment on productive schemes.

2. All requirements of the refugees can conveniently be classified into one of several categories:-

A. Medical and Dental Drugs, Stores and Equipment, etc.
Authority Responsible for Supply: The Director of Medical Services in the territory concerned.
Stores for hospitals at refugee camps should be included in the bulk departmental orders placed with the Crown Agents for the Colonies, in accordance with the established procedure for obtaining all medical stores on Government account.

B. (i) Foodstuffs, whether locally produced or imported.
(ii) Locally produced articles other than foodstuffs.
Authority Responsible for Supply: The East African War Supplies Board.

Requirements notified by:-

The Director of Refugees, Kenya.
The Director of Refugees, Uganda.
The Commissioner for Aliens and Internees, Tanganyika.

Foodstuffs should only be purchased through the East African War Supplies Board when (a) they are not obtainable from local sources
or (b) they are subject to interterritorial Control.

Purchase of Foodstuffs from local sources must be approved by the territorial Supply or Control authority.

C. Imported Articles of General Camp Equipment, Clothing etc. (Cooking and Feeding utensils, household requisites, materials for Camp construction etc.)
Authority Responsible for Supply: The Director of Imports, East African Production and Supply Council.

Requirements notified by:-

The Director of Refugees, Kenya.
The Director of Refugees, Uganda.
The Commissioner for Aliens and Internees, Tanganyika.

The Director of Imports should only be asked to supply items in this category for Uganda and Tanganyika if the territorial Control Authority has certified that the articles are not obtainable from civil stocks in those territories.

D. Canteen Supplies.

Authority Responsible for supply:-

The Territorial Supply or Control Board subject to submission of monthly returns for scrutiny by East African War Supplies Board in the case of foodstuffs and locally produced articles (category B above) and the Director of Imports in the case of imported articles (category C above).

E. (i) Educational Supplies:
(Text Books, stationery, school requisites etc.)

(ii) Supplies for Cultural Activities:
(Wireless sets, reading matter, etc.)

(iii) Implements for Production:

(a) Tailoring.
(b) Shoemaking.
(c) Blacksmith's work.
(d) Carpentry.
(e) Metal working.
(f) Building.
(g) Spinning and Weaving.
(h) Agriculture.
(i) Home industries generally.

Authority Responsible for supply: The Polish Delegation, Nairobi.

Requirements notified by Polish Leaders in the various camps to the Director or Commissioner of Refugees. If requirements are not available from local sources, the list is forwarded to the Polish Delegation through the Director of Imports and the former will endeavour to arrange for supply from overseas.

NOTES.

1. Polish authorities should not purchase articles falling within category E (or in any other category) from local stocks without prior consultation with the Directors or Commissioners as such action might seriously affect the supply position.

2. The Polish Delegation should endeavour to obtain from overseas sources only such items as fall within Category E, unless specifically asked to procure articles in other categories.

3. The Polish authorities might have access to sources of supply which are not open to British authorities, and full opportunity should be taken to obtain through them articles within categories A - D, where difficulty is experienced by the British authorities.

4. The Polish Delegation receives from time to time gifts and supplies from overseas, and these should be distributed after consultation with the Commissioner, East African Refugee Administration.

5. The Polish Delegation should obtain an import licence prior to placing an order overseas, or asking for certain requirements to be supplied.

If the goods are to be imported into Kenya or Uganda for consumption in those territories, or imported into Kenya for subsequent distribution to camps in any of the other East African territories, and open general licence should be applied for from the Imports Controller, Nairobi. If for import direct to Tanganyika, from the Economic Control Board, Dar es Salaam.

6. Agricultural Machinery. Although requirements for Polish Refugee Settlements were not taken into account when bulk orders for East African agricultural equipment were placed in the United States, the Government orders, if fulfilled, will cover refugee requirements. The Polish Delegation, however, is in a position to obtain agricultural machinery under Polish - American Lend Lease and should endeavour to obtain requirements accordingly. The advantages of this procedure are (a) Delivery may be expedited (b) Tools and implements so obtained can be taken with the Poles on their return to Poland and so assist post-war reconstruction. Requirements should be approved by the Director of Non-Native Production, East African Production and Supply Council, before any order is placed.

7. Red Cross Supplies. These are not dealt with in accordance with the foregoing procedure as supplies provided by the Red Cross are intended to cover the needs of refugees only until such time as other arrangements can be made. Supplies in all categories are consigned to the Commissioner, East African Refugee Administration, who arranges distribution in consultation with the supply authority indicated, and, in the case of supplies from the American Red Cross, on the advice of the Special Representative in East Africa.

26th February, 1943.

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Code Telegram

FROM NYASALAND (Sir E. Richards)

TO S. OF S., COLONIES.

D. 13th March, 1943.
R. 14th " " 11.30 hrs.

No. 86

Addressed to the Chairman of the Governors' Conference, Nairobi No. 1969.
Repeated to the S. of S.

Reference last paragraph.

Polish schoolboys.

N.T. Reference paragraph 3 of my telegram No. 171 of 1942 to the Governors' Conference, please inform what steps have been taken to obtain necessary educational materials including exercise books, pencils etc. Deputy Delegate of Polish Ministry of Social Welfare states that refugees may not be in possession of adequate clothing. Essential garments are sweaters, socks, vests, shoes and khaki drill for shirts and shorts to be made locally. Can you indicate immediate (repeat immediate) East African source of supply, failing which this Government propose to try to obtain in South Africa.

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Copies sent to:-

Foreign Office	- Mr. A.W.G. Randall
Min. War Transport	- Mr. J.N. Wood
Min. Economic Warfare	- Mr. Anthony Camps
Admiralty	- Mr. W. Marshall
" (Mil. Branch)	- Mr. M.J. Fox
India Office	- The U.S. of State
War Office (M.O.1.)	- Major D. Vale.

2. Delegate has verbally requested that monthly allowance of pocket money to refugee children should be paid on the following scale,

boys under 10	2s. 6d.
under the age of 13	4s. 0d.
under the age of 16	5s. 0d.
over 16 and to adult staff	10s. 0d.

Presumably H.M. Government would bear the cost of any allowance, but rates proposed seem high for these schoolboys.

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Code Telegram

TO EAST AFRICAN GOVERNORS CONFERENCE
(Sir H. Moore)

FROM S. OF S., COLONIES.

Sent 19th March, 1943. 15.45 hrs.

No. 292.

Polish Refugees.

1. Polish Government have requested my help in obtaining the following:-

(a) Two complete sets of equipment for surgical department of 200 bed hospital (instruments, operating theatre equipment etc.) and

(b) two complete sets of dental equipment suitable for mobile clinics.

2. Before sponsoring procurement of this equipment and to avoid duplication I should like to know whether any steps have been taken locally or are contemplated to obtain similar equipment for this purpose either through American Red Cross or through normal Colonial procurement machinery. I should also welcome your views on the need for this equipment.

Copies sent to:-

Foreign Office	-	Mr. A.W.F. Randall.
Treasury	-	Mr. W.L. Fraser.

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Mr. Rose 18/3/43

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Mr. G. L. M. Clauson. Mr Seel 19

Mr. C. J. Jeffries. at once

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Sir W. Battershill.

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Secretary of State.

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~~H.A. Gov~~
Nairobi

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Grace

Economic Dept
Colonial Office
Downing Street
Whitehall SW1

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The attached letters are transmitted to your Department in accordance with a telephone request this morning.

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OF LABOUR AND SOCIAL WELFARE
Health Department
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43, LOWNDES SQUARE,
KNIGHTSBRIDGE,
S.W.I.
TEL : SLO 8147

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Economic
Dave Hum
Whitehall

27th February, 1943

MINISTRY OF HEALTH
4-1-3-43
No. 95025/1/99

The Under Secretary of State,
Ministry of Health,
Whitehall, S.W.1.

Dear Sir,

In connection with the necessity of equipping the hospitals which are being organized by the Polish Ministry of Labor and Social Welfare, in the areas where Polish refugees have been settled in East Africa, we beg to state that we are in great need of surgical instruments and full equipment for operating theaters.

We would like to ask you kindly, if it would be possible to obtain from the British Ministry of Health, on the basis of Lease and Lend, two complete sets of equipment for surgical departments, (instruments, and equipment for operating theater, dressing room, as well as for the sterilizing room), according to the standard for supplying this approximate type of equipment in the British General Hospitals., for 200 beds.

If it is not possible to make an arrangement in this way, we would be greatly obliged if you would be so kind as to indicate other means by which this matter might be arranged, as it is an urgent one owing to the necessity of providing medical aid

for about twenty thousand Polish citizens now in East Africa.

Yours faithfully,

for the MINISTER

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MINISTRY OF HEALTH
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The Under-Secretary of State,
Ministry of Health,
Whitehall, S.W.1.

Dear Sir,

In connection with the need of providing dental aid for about 20,000 Polish refugees who are now located in settlements in East Africa, we beg to ask whether it would be possible to obtain from the British Ministry of Health, on the basis of Lease and Lend, two complete sets of dental equipment.

This equipment would have to be of an easily transportable type in order to serve all the Polish settlements, in the form of a mobile clinic.

We understand that there are difficulties in obtaining dental equipment, and if it would not be possible to make an arrangement for procuring it in this way, we would be greatly obliged if you would be so kind as to indicate other means by which this matter might be arranged.

Yours faithfully,

Dr W. J. Bahrach

for the MINISTER

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Downing Street,
London, S.W.1.

13th February, 1943.

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Dear Randall,

With reference to your letter No. W 1958/82/48 of the 10th of February enclosing a copy of a letter from the American Red Cross Embassy in Washington, we agree that the help which is being afforded to the Poles in East Africa is most valuable, and we, and I feel sure the East African Governments too, would like to be associated with any expression of appreciation and thanks which is conveyed to the American Red Cross.

(Sgd.) yours sincerely
D.C. Watherston

A.W.G. RANDALL, ESQ., O.B.E.

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To A.W.G. RANDALL, ESQ., O.B.E.

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FOREIGN OFFICE,
S. W. 1.

(W 1958/82/48) 10th February, 1943.

Dear Watherston,

I enclose a copy of a letter from our Embassy at Washington transmitting a copy of a letter from the American Red Cross indicating the nature and scope of the assistance they have been affording to Poles in East Africa.

I think you will agree that their help has been valuable and we should like to know if you would approve of our asking the Embassy to express our appreciation and thanks to the American Red Cross.

Yours sincerely,
A. G. Randall

D.G. Watherston, Esq.,
Colonial Office.

By Urgent Bag
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BRITISH EMBASSY,

WASHINGTON, D. C.

19th January, 1943.

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Dear Central Department,

With reference to our telegram No. 228, we enclose a copy of a letter from the American Red Cross which will show you in some detail what they are doing on behalf of the Polish refugees in East Africa.

Yours ever,

WAR TRADE DEPARTMENT

Central Department,
Foreign Office,
London, S.W.1.

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AMERICAN RED CROSS

Washington, D.C.

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January 15, 1943

Mr. J. D. Murray,
Second Secretary,
British Embassy,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Murray:-

This will acknowledge your letter of January 12, and confirms our telephone conversation in which I advised you that we have already initiated requisitions covering the supplies requested by the East African Refugee Administration for use in connection with the Polish and Greek refugee program in East Africa.

Requisitions have already been issued for 1,000 cases of evaporated milk; 10,000 pairs of hightop shoes; 10,000 yeards of gingham and for supplies to provide for the basic educational needs of the Polish children including 500 gross of writing paper and exercise books; 10,000 penholders; 10,000 pen points; 12,000 pencils, 1,000 colored pencils; and 20 gallons of ink. I might add that the educational supplies are being purchased through a grant made available by the National Children's Fund of our Junior Red Cross. 100,000 yeards of mosquito netting are en route to East Africa and 10,000 yards of khaki cloth which we have been holding in our reserve stocks will also go forward within the next few days. The 10,000 blankets requested by the E.A.R.A. have already been shipped from our stocks of American Red Cross supplies in Iran directly to East Africa.

As I indicated in my letter of November 21, we have also been requested to provide invalid foods sufficient for 1,000 persons for six months and have cabled Mr. Bain the items and quantities of foods of this nature recommended by our Nutrition Service for clearance with the E.A.R.A. and East African or Mid-East Supply Council. The items recommended include 45,000 lbs. cereal concentrates; 17,000 lbs. vitaminized oleomargarine, 14,000 dehydrated soup, 45,000 canned tomatoes and 34,000 gallons of cane syrup or molasses. Upon receipt of the clearances referred to we are prepared to issue the necessary requisitions for the purchase of these food items.

In addition to the above supplies we have also been requested to provide certain basic medical and surgical supplies sufficient to care for approximately 20,000 refugees for a period of six months. Although we have approved in principal the granting of this particular request, it has not as yet been determined whether the supplies requested will be drawn from our stocks in Karachi, India, or sent from this country. We expect, however, to have clarification on this point within the next few days.

For your further information I am enclosing a copy of the record of the discussion held in Nairobi on Thursday, November 12, 1942, regarding the American Red Cross aid for refugees in East Africa. This report was sent to us

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by Mr. Bain following his return to Cairo, after meeting with the East African Refugee Administration and other representatives of your Government in East Africa. We are also sending a copy of this letter to Mr. Davis, of the British Colonies Supply Mission in order that he also may be advised of the status of this matter.

If there is any further information that you require which we can provide please do not hesitate to call on us.

Sincerely yours,

Sgd. L. M. Mitchell,
Director,
Insular and Foreign Operations.

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RECORDING OF A DISCUSSION HELD IN NAIROBI
ON THURSDAY, 12TH NOVEMBER, 1942.
REGARDING AMERICAN RED CROSS AID FOR
REFUGEES IN EAST AFRICA.

PRESENT:

Mr. C. L. Bruton, O.B.E., Commissioner,
East African Refugee Administration.
Mr. Ralph Bain, Director, American Red Cross,
Middle East.
Mr. James B. Foley, American Red Cross
Special Representative in East Africa.
Mr. A. G. Abrahams, Welfare Officer, East
African Refugee Administration.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr. M. St. G. Gray, Assistant Secretary,
East African Supplies Board.

1. IT WAS NOTED that (a) the Refugee's reception programme provided for the arrival of 1,000 Polish refugees, to be settled in camps in the East African territories and 4,000 Greek refugees in transit for the Belgian Congo, of whom 500 might remain in Tanganyika. The dates of arrival and disposition of these refugees is detailed in Appendix A to these notes, but the general position is:-

TERRITORY	ARRIVING BEFORE END OF DECEMBER 1942	ARRIVING BEFORE END OF APRIL 1943	TOTAL
KENYA	-	1,500	1,500
UGANDA	5,000	2,000	7,000
TANGANYIKA	5,000	2,000	7,000
NORTHERN RHODESIA	-	3,500	3,500
Nyasaland	-	1,000	1,000
Unallocated	-	1,000	1,000
Total	10,000	11,000	21,000

In addition, there is a possibility that 12,000 Polish refugees might be received in Kenya if certain prisoners of war are removed.

(b) Difficulties had already been experienced and further difficulties could be foreseen in obtaining certain supplies and equipment for the refugees but the most urgent and most important requirements were for hospital requisites and medical drugs and equipment.

(c) The American Red Cross would endeavor to meet all requests by the East African Refugee Administration for services or supplies within the limits of their policy and resources. (See Agreement dated 11th November, 1942. Appendix B).

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2. IT WAS AGREED that the American Red Cross should be asked to provide the following supplies:-

(a) Hospital and Medical Equipment and Drugs.

(i) The American Red Cross should endeavor to meet the requirements under this head from stocks at present held in India. Dental equipment was particularly necessary. (Note: 48 sets of dental forceps may be diverted from Iran).

(ii) A list of the supplies available should be submitted to the Director of Medical Services, Nairobi, who should be asked to advise what items and what quantities were required for 21,000 persons over a period of six months. A bulk indent for all East African requirements, prepared on this advice would then be submitted through the local American Red Cross representative to the authorities concerned in India, who should be asked to consign stocks via Mombasa to the Commissioner, East African Refugee Administration, Nairobi.

(iii) The American Red Cross in India would arrange shipment to Mombasa. Offloading, clearance and transport to Nairobi would be the responsibility of the East African Refugee Administration, which should also endeavor to arrange shipping priority through the Representative of the Ministry of War Transport, Mombasa.

(iv) The supplies on arrival should be held in Nairobi at a central depot from which the territories would be supplies as and when necessary. This procedure was desirable as it would avoid the necessity for the American Red Cross in India having to apportion supplies and pack them separately. It would also lead to economy, as supplies could be issued as circumstances required instead of pro rata according to the population to be served. Supplies for Northern Rhodesia and Nyasaland would be comparatively small and not very bulky. These could be forwarded by overland or by air transport. Adequate supervision over stocks would be provided in Nairobi to minimize risk of deterioration. The services of an experienced medical storekeeper (not necessarily a qualified paramaceutist) would be required to undertake issues of stocks.

(v) Indents for drugs and medical supplies which the East African Governments had been asked to prepare, would be used as a guide in making initial issues of supplies.

(vi) Stocks would be issued from the central depot to Medical Departments which would be responsible for the further distribution to the individual camps in their respective territories.

(vii) It was desirable to form a central Allocation Committee charged with the equitable distribution of medical supplies and equipment. A person who was in constant touch with all settlements and who would be in a position to know their urgent requirements should be a member of the Committee.

(viii) Supplies of medical equipment provided by the American Red Cross should not be used to replenish the stocks of Government medical departments which had issued stores to camps as an interim measure.

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(b) Educational Equipment.

The American Red Cross should be asked to obtain from the United States such essential articles of school equipment as could not be obtained or improvised locally. Items should be strictly limited in number and should include only those which were suitable for being supplied in bulk. Thus equipment such as maps and charts which, although necessary, were required in small numbers, should be excluded.

The fundamental needs were:-
Exercise books and paper.
Pens (i.e. nibs) and penholders.
Ink.
Pencils, lead and coloured.
Erasers (if available).

The quantities should be sufficient for 8,000 school children over a period of six months, and the Director of Education, Nairobi, should be consulted in this regard.

Polish text books and reading matter were not so urgently required and although the Polish delegates were making arrangements for a supply, nevertheless the American Red Cross would endeavor to obtain these through organisations in America such as the Polish-American Women's Council, Chicago.

(c) Clothing.

IT WAS NOTED that wherever possible outer garments would be made by the refugees themselves, primarily with a view to keeping them happily employed. Material for this purpose was necessary.

On the basis that each refugee would be in possession of a certain amount of clothing, and as settlements are sited in warm climates, requirements of material to suffice for a period of six months could be assessed at 10,000 yeards each of denim (khaki drill) and gingham.

The American Red Cross would endeavor to obtain these from the U.S. together with such quantities of made-up garments as were available, together with 10,000 pairs of shoes, (40% for children and 60% for women, large sizes in each case). Requirements of men's shoes were negligible.

(d) Foodstuffs.

IT WAS NOTED that, generally speaking, all articles of food were readily available from local resources with the exception of preserved milk and invalid foodstuffs. Fresh milk was unobtainable at certain settlements. Production of dried milk in East Africa would be considerably augmented in four to six month's time, but in view of the many large military demands (which would receive priority over refugee requirements), it was desirable to form a reserve of preserved milk to ensure that invalids and infants (aged up to six years) would receive supplies.
The American Red Cross would endeavour to obtain from the U.S.

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(i) 1,000 cases of milk (powdered and evaporated) to allow for the issue of one pint per day to 1,000 invalids and infants for a period of six months.

(ii) Sufficient invalid foodstuffs with a high vitamin content to supply 1,000 sick persons for a period of six months.

(e) General Equipment.

IT WAS NOTED THAT -

(i) The American Red Cross had already asked for 100,000 yards of mosquito netting to be supplies to East Africa. This should suffice for all refugee requirements.

(ii) 10,000 blankets would be requested from Tehran or from the U.S. to ensure adequate supplies.

(iii) The good offices of the American Red Cross would be used to support priority of supply and shipment of any orders for general camp equipment (plates, mugs, lamps, etc.) which the East African authorities might place in the U.S. under Lend-Lease.

(f) Canteen Supplies.

IT WAS NOTED as all supplies furnished by the American Red Cross were in nature of a free gift, it would be inappropriate to ask the Society to provide supplies of personal comforts for sale to the refugees through the camp canteens which were to be established.

3. GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS.

IT WAS NOTED THAT -

(a) The American Red Cross was only one of several organisations which were endeavoring to assist refugees in East Africa. It would regard the East African Refugee Administration as the sole official agency for the care of refugees.

(b) Supplies provided by the American Red Cross should be distributed equitably to all refugees (including Greeks) who might require assistance. They were not, however, intended for Italian civilian internees, although consideration would be given to any request for supplies for these persons.

(c) The American Red Cross could accept no continuing responsibility for providing supplies to refugees; and could enter into no forward commitments. The aim was to ensure adequate supplies for immediate requirements only. Sympathetic consideration would, of course, be given to any requests for additional supplies made at a later date, and these would be provided as far as the resources and other commitments of the American Red Cross allowed.

The East African Refugee Administration expressed their appreciation for the generosity of the American Red Cross in undertaking to provide assistance for refugees.

J. B. Sidebotham Esq.
Colonial Office.
W. 1878/783/48.

WITH THE COMPLIMENTS OF THE UNDER-SECRETARY OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS.
4 FEB 1943

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[CYPHER] DEPARTMENTAL NO. 2.

Ref. F.O. Letter No. W. 15985/84/48. of 28 Nov. 1942.

FROM WASHINGTON TO FOREIGN OFFICE

Copied.

Viscount Halifax
No. 511
30th January, 1943.

D. 6.06 p.m. 31st January, 1943.
R. 6.00 a.m. 1st February, 1943.

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Your telegram No. 7501.

Meeting was held recently at State Department to clarify situation regarding despatch of relief supplies for Polish refugees in Persia and Soviet Union.

2. Basis for discussion was a telegram dated January 19th from United States Legation Tehran reporting (A) that supplies for Poles in Soviet Union amounted to

(1) 1450 tons in Tehran
(2) 1000 tons in Persian ports
(3) 1500 tons afloat:

(B) that estimated time at present rate of movement for conveying supplies in (A) above to Soviet Union is more than one year. Legation therefore recommend complete suspension of shipments pending development of plans for regular and efficient movement of substantial quantities of supplies from Persia to Russia either (A) by utilising railway to Sharud and thence truck to Soviet railheads, of (B) delivery from Soviet sources to Poles in Transcaspia against transfer of equivalent supplies to Soviets in Tehran. Local British Polish Red Cross and lease-lend representatives concur.

3. At meeting Red Cross representative explained they had stopped all shipments some months ago owing to congestion.

4. Lease-lend representative explained that although lease-lend had stopped making further requisitions of relief supplies for Poles more than two months ago, there were still stocks on hand at dockside of goods transferred to Poles before stop order.

5. British Embassy representative explained that British shipping authorities were still under instructions to set aside 600 space tons per month for Polish relief supplies (see Masta 4552) and were in practice taking about 100 tons in each ship from supplies accumulated at Dockside estimated cargo carried being November 460 tons, December 680 tons, of which about 80% was lease-lend, balance being purchased or donated by Polish societies here.

6. Polish Embassy representative stated that there are still about 800 tons of supplies awaiting shipment.

7. After discussion State Department and lend-lease representatives proposed that though no new goods should be released for export except 25 tons vitamins from lease-lend,

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800 tons of accumulated cargo should be exported at rate of about 200 tons a month which appears to be average rate at which supplies are now moving forward from Persia.

8. The Department have telegraphed accordingly to Tehran requesting that they should be advised immediately if it should become possible to move faster goods now there so that arrangements can be made to provide new supplies from here in time to cover four-month time-lag required for transportation from United States to Persia.

9. Polish Embassy have informed Polish Government and you will no doubt desire to discuss with them. If in view of circumstances outlined in paragraph 2 above, you agree with Polish Government that proposals in paragraph 7 above should be adopted please arrange with Ministry of War Transport that appropriate instructions be given to Ministry of War Transport New York.

10. British Merchant Shipping Mission have been consulted and agree.

46692/2/43

Code Telegram

TO EAST AFRICAN GOVERNORS CONFERENCE (Sir H. Moore)

FROM S. OF S., COLONIES.

Sent 20th January, 1943. 14.45 hrs.

No. 67.

My telegram No. 24. Ambassador Washington has telegraphed that American Red Cross have approved and have begun to assemble supplies recommended by Bain.

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LETTER SENT	REGISTERED No.	DATE.
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20/1/43

20 JAN 1943
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DRAFT code telegram

MR. Weatherston 20/1 at once

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War Cabinet Office - E.A. Armstrong
Foreign Office - A.W.G. Randall
M.E.W. - Anthony Lamb
M.W.T. - A.W. Wood
Ad? - W. Marshall
M.T. 7
W.O. - Major D. Vale (M.O.1)
- Major G. Ferrante (A.C.S.)

and copy without copy 16/17 to:-
W.C.O. - W.T. Nesbitt
Crown Agents

To

Eagon

Nairobi

[12583A] Wt. 47177/205 10m. 2/42 C.N.Ld. 748
[12935C] Wt. 12138/223 20m. 5/42 C.N.Ld. 748

D. G. Watherston, Esq.,
Colonial Office

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WITH THE COMPLIMENTS OF
THE UNDER SECRETARY OF
STATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS
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[En clair]

DEPARTMENTAL No. 2.

FROM WASHINGTON TO FOREIGN OFFICE

Viscount Halifax
No. 228
12th January, 1943.

D. 1.33 a.m. 13th January, 1943.
R. 8.45 a.m. 13th January, 1943.

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Your telegram No. 184.

American Red Cross approve and have begun to assemble supplies recommended by Bain.

Ref. F.O communication W119/46/48 of January 13th

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FOREIGN OFFICE,
S.W.1.

11th January, 1943

(W 82/82/48)

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14 JAN 1943
C. O. REGY

SECRET

Dear Watherston,

15. With reference to your letter 46692/43, of the 5th January, we concur in the terms of the telegram enclosed therein which you propose to address to the East African Governors' Conference and to the British Colonies Supply Mission regarding Red Cross supplies for Polish refugees in Africa.

We enclose copy of telegram which we are, in accordance with your request, addressing to Washington.

Yours sincerely,

A. W. G. Randall

D.G. Watherston, Esq.,
Colonial Office.

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DEPARTMENTAL NO.2.

SECRET

W 15984/87/48
~~W 119/46/48~~

WITH THE COMPLIMENTS OF
THE UNDER-SECRETARY OF
STATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS
13 JAN 1943

[CYPHER]

FROM FOREIGN OFFICE TO WASHINGTON

No. 184
8th January, 1943. D. 1.30 p.m. 9th January, 1943.

Repeated to East African Governors' Conference

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Ref. Mr Boyd's letter to Mr Randall no 45113/42. of January 1st

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TO (1) EAST AFRICAN GOVERNORS CONFERENCE,
(2) BRITISH COLONIES SUPPLY MISSION (Washington)

FROM S. OF S., COLONIES.

Sent 8th January, 1943. 22.15 hrs.

(1) No. 24.
(2) No. 32.

To (1)
To (2)

Your telegram No. 886.
Reference telegram No. 221 from Chairman, East African Governors' Conference

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British Colonies Supply Mission is being told that Embassy will be taking necessary action. I will telegraph further when reply is received from Washington.

To (2)

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Copies sent to:-

War Cabinet Offices - Mr. W.J. Hasler.
Crown Agents for the Colonies.

[13209] Wt. 18952/229 5m. 7/42 C.N.Ld. 748
[13702] Wt. 32385/242 10m. 10/42 C.N.Ld. 748

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22.15 hrs. 8/1/43.

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Mr. Creasy 5/1/43 at once as St.
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Mr. G. E. J. Gent.
Mr. G. L. M. Clauson.
Mr. C. J. Jeffries.

Sir A. Dawe.
Sir W. Battershill.
Permt. U.S. of S.
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Secretary of State.

Subject to concurrence of F.O.

F.O. concur. Telegram may issue. Watherston 8.1.43 at once

2 **DRAFT.** CODE TELEGRAM.

1) Chairman,
East African Governors' Conference.

2) British Colonies Supply Mission,
Washington.

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Colonial Office,

Downing Street,

London, S.W.1.

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46692/43.

5th January, 1943.

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Yours sincerely,

E.A. WALKER, ESQ.

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REGISTERED No. 5692/43.

LETTER SENT

DATE

Colonial Office,
Downing Street,
London, S.W.1.

2 DRAFT

5th January, 1943.

MR. Watherston 5/1/43.
MR. Bracey 5/1/43
MR.

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Yours sincerely,

E.A. WALKER, Esq.

(6094) Wt. 25403—113 40,000 ea. 2 sorts 9/40 T.S. 695

COPY FOR REGISTRATION

Received in Registry 7 JAN 1943

Code Telegram

FROM EAST AFRICAN GOVERNORS CONFERENCE

FROM: Chairman (Sir H. Moore)
TO:- Secretary of State for the Colonies.

D. 31st December, 1942.
R. 31st " " 14.20 hrs.

No. 886.

Addressed to the British Colonies Supply Mission No. 221.

Repeated to S. of S.

1. My telegram No. 593.

Director of American Red Cross in the Middle East has recommended to Washington (telegram No. 196 of 19th November from the United States Consul, Nairobi, to the S. of S. Washington) that American Red Cross should supply to East African Refugees Administration for Polish refugees, 6 months supply of drugs and substantial quantity of invalid food, shoes and clothing materials, and school equipment, such as exercise books, pens and pencils, and also 100,000 yards of mosquito netting. These stores are very urgently required, and if they are not forthcoming, it will be necessary to reconsider the whole programme for the reception of Polish in East Africa which was based on assurance by the Ministry's office in Cairo that certain supplies would be provided by the American Red Cross. My telegram No. 593 of 17th September to the S. of S asked that attention of the American Red Cross might be drawn to these needs through British Embassy, Washington but no reply has been received. Matter is now urgent, and I would be most grateful if the intention of the American Red Cross could be ascertained, and if you would support the case for early shipment of any supplies from this source.

Copies sent to:-

War Cabinet Offices	-	Mr. E.A. Armstrong.
" " "	-	Mr. W.J. Hasler.
Foreign Office	-	Mr. A.W.G. Randall.
Min. of Economic Warfare	-	Mr. Anthony Camps
Min. of War Transport	-	Mr. A.W. Wood.
Admiralty	-	Mr. W. Marshall.
"	-	Mr. M.J. Fox.
War Office (M.O.1.)	-	Major D. Vale.
" " (A.C.S.)	-	Major G. Essame.
Crown Agents for the Colonies.		

A. on section 2/1/43.

Draft to Mr Weatherston 18/12 fs ~~2~~ 13

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46692/42.

Colonial Office,
Downing Street, S.W.1
18th December, 1942.

Dear Walker,

I mentioned to you yesterday that we had received a despatch from East Africa about Red Cross supplies for Polish refugees. Unfortunately, they have only sent us one copy, and it is of some length. I do not think that you will need all of it, so I am sending it to you to look at, and perhaps you will take such extracts as you want and then let me have it back.

12 (~~25~~) in original

It seems to have some bearing on telegrams Nos. 5771-2 of the 25th November from Washingto and you may perhaps wish to let the Ambassador know that the intention is to obtain immediate requirements in the way of medical supplies from the American Red Cross stocks at Karachi.

Yours sincerely,

Fed.

E.A. WALKER, ESQ.

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Ref.No.EARA. 24.

OFFICE OF THE
CONFERENCE OF EAST AFRICAN GOVERNORS,
P.O. Box 601,
NAIROBI, KENYA.

S E C R E T.

RECEIVED
14 DEC 1942
C.O. REGY

November 19th, 1942.

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Sir,

I have the honour to enclose a copy of a telegram MERRA No.1499, dated 16th of November, which has been sent to the Minister of State, Cairo, regarding Medical Supplies for refugees, which sets out the present position.

2. It is most regrettable that there should have been a misunderstanding over the supply question, but Mr. Bain, Director of the Middle East Operations American Red Cross, expects to be able to obtain supplies from India for East Africa in five or six weeks.

3. In view of the extreme urgency of the matter and Mr. Bain's impending departure for Cairo, an East African Indent for medical supplies has been drawn up on medical advice from a list furnished by Mr. Bain, of supplies which he considers likely to be available, to cover a period of six months for approximately 21,000 refugees. A copy of this indent is attached, but it will be appreciated that it may have to be modified. Mr. Bain is also endeavouring to obtain 48 sets of dental equipment. It is not, however, permissible to utilise these supplies to replace those already issued from Government Stocks.

4. The medical indents received from Tanganyika and Uganda Governments are returned herewith, with the request that since supplies cannot be found locally and there is no apparent advantage in bulking stores here they should be forwarded independently to the Crown Agents in the normal manner for Government Indents.

In view of the fact that Government stocks already issued to Polish Camps cannot be replenished from American Red Cross supplies it may be desired to vary these indents.

The Government of Northern Rhodesia and Nyasaland will no doubt also indent for such additional supplies as are considered necessary in accordance with their normal procedure.

It is suggested that the indents should cover not six months', but one year's requirements.

5. I also enclose:-

(a) A record of a discussion held in Nairobi on Thursday, 12th November.
(b) An estimate of Educational supplies separately indented for.

6. With regard to the record referred to in 5 (a) above, it was decided after further discussion to vary the agreement arrived at in para. 2 thereof, as Mr. Bain considers he can

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arrange to have medical, educational and other supplies divided up for the various territories. The Uganda supplies will be sent to Mombasa, the Tanganyika supplies to Dar-es-Salaam, and supplies for Northern Rhodesia and Nyasaland separately. These two latter consignments will depend upon the port where refugees for Northern Rhodesia and Nyasaland are disembarked. The supplies will be consigned to the American Red Cross, who will arrange through their representative in East Africa, Mr. J.B. Foley, (c/o American Consul, Nairobi), for delivery of the Bill of Lading to the local representatives of the East African Refugee Administration. It will be necessary for monthly returns of receipts and issues of these supplies to the British Officers in charge of camps to be sent to the Commissioner, East African Refugee Administration, Nairobi, both for record purposes and to enable him to coordinate demands which may be made from time to time on the stores available in Nairobi from American Red Cross and other sources.

7. Educational and supplies other than Medical will be consigned on the following basis:- 45% Mombasa, 35% Tanganyika, 20% Northern Rhodesia and Nyasaland.

8. Mr. Bain is kindly asking Washington to supply six months' medical needs for the Greeks to the Congo. These will be divided into equal consignments and forwarded to Albertville and Kasenyi.

9. With reference to paragraphs 6, 7 and 8 of the Agreement signed between the East African Refugee Administration and the American Red Cross (Appendix B. of the Record of a Discussion), Mr. Bain has been informed that facilities will be afforded to Mr. Foley to visit the camps and supply depots to ensure that these sections are carried out. Such visits will be arranged through the Commissioner of the East African Refugee Administration and the Head of the Refugee Administration of the Territory concerned.

10. Similar letters are being sent to the other Conference Governments concerned, and copies are being sent to the Colonial Office and the Director-General, Middle East Relief and Refugee Administration, Cairo, for information.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

Ch. Newton

for CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNORS' CONFERENCE.

The Hon. Chief Secretary:

UGANDA, KENYA, TANGANYIKA, NYASALAND, N. RHODESIA.

✓ TWO COPIES: TO: COLONIAL OFFICE.

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COPY OF CABLEGRAM SENT BY E.A.GOVERNORS' CONFERENCE TO MINISTER OF STATE, CAIRO, on 16.11.1942.

MERRA No.1499 MY TELEGRAM 1082. MEDICAL SUPPLIES. BAIN has now arrived and informs me that he knows nothing of despatch of these supplies at any rate under auspices of American Red Cross. In this connection please refer to my telegram 731 of 30th June para. 5 and also to my telegram 740 of same date both addressed Ambassador Cairo. Position is that East African Governments accepting refugees did not make provision for medical supplies in expectation that such supplies would arrive from America in time for arrival of refugees. 7000 refugees have already arrived but no repeat no medical supplies. Result is that Governments have had to deplete their own civilian stocks and are unable to replenish them at any rate in near future and position must be regarded as most unsatisfactory.

As interim measure Bain kindly endeavouring to divert from India supplies already there for relief in China and it is hoped that he can give us six months' supply for 21,000 refugees. It would not, however, be possible for Governments to effect replacement from AmericanRed Cross Supplies of any civil stocks already issued. I am accordingly asking territories to make out indents as soon as possible (a) to cover 21,000 refugees for one year, (b) to recoup themselves for issue from civil stocks.

CONFGOV.

INDENT FOR EDUCATIONAL SUPPLIES SUBMITTED TO THE AMERICAN RED CROSS. THIS ESTIMATE, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF PENCILS, IS TO COVER A PERIOD OF SIX MONTHS FOR 8,000 CHILDREN.

Exercise Books,	Single Ruling,	260 gross.
" "	double "	50 "
" "	plain	50 "
" "	squared,	150 "
PENHOLDERS:	... ...	6000.
PEN NIBS	... ...	8,000 - 12,000 according to quality.
PENCILS	... ...	12,000.
ERASERS	... ...	3,000.
COLOURED PENCILS	... ...	900.
CRAYONS	... ...	3,000.
CHALK, Plain,	...	250 Boxes of one gross each.
" Coloured	...	70 Boxes " " " "
INK:	20 gallons, or its equivalent in powder.	

ESTIMATES OF REQUIREMENTS FROM SUPPLIES IN GO-DOWN, KARACHI, DEEMED SUFFICIENT FOR 6 MONTHS, EXCLUSIVE OF NUMEROUS ESSENTIAL ITEMS NOT SPECIFIED IN LISTS OF AVAILABLE STORES.

ITEM.		Ny. (1000)	N.R (3500)	Ug. (7300	T.T (7500).	TOTAL
Acacia Powder	lbs	3.	8.	14.	16.	41.
Acetone.	"	2.	5.	8,	10.	25.
Ac.Acetylsal.,	"	4.	10.	18.	20.	52.
" Benzoic.,	"	2.	4.	6.	8.	20.
" Boric.,	"	14.	30.	60.	66.	170.
Salicyl.,	"	2.	4.	6.	8.	20.
Trichloracetic.,	"	½.	1.	2.	2.	5½.
Adapters, needle,	No.	24.	24.	24.	24.	96.
Alcohol,Amylic.,	Lbs	2.	4.	6.	8.	20.
Amon.Chloride,	"	4.	10.	18.	20.	52.
Mercury Ointment,	"	10.	30.	56	60.	156.
" Oxalate,	"	2.	4.	6.	8.	20.
Antipyrin.,	"	1.	2.	3.	4.	10.
Adhesive Plaster, asstd.						
Widths, spools,	No.	72.	200.	400.	500.	1172.
Borax crystals,	lbs.	14.	30.	60.	66.	170.
Bandages, asstd.,	gross.	2.	6.	10	12.	30.
Barbital,	lbs.	1.	2.	3.	4.	10.
Barium Carb.,	"	20.	50.	100.	110.	280.
Bismuth.Subcarb.,	"	6.	14.	30.	35.	85.
" Subnit.,	"	3.	7.	15.	15	40.
Bottles, H.W.,	No.	20.	50.	100.	100.	270.
Brushes, scrubbing,	"	20.	50.	100.	100.	270.
Bowls, sponge,	"	20.	50.	100.	100.	270.
Calomel,	lbs.	2.	4.	6.	8.	20.
Castor oil,	cwts.	1.	3.	7.	8.	19.
Caffeine,	lbs.	1.	2.	3.	4.	10.
Calamin.,	"	4.	10.	18.	20.	52.
Calc. Carb.,	"	10.	30.	60.	66.	166.
" Chloride,	"	5.	15.	30.	33.	83.
Carbolic Acid,	"	10.	30.	60.	66.	166.
Carbon Tetrachlor.,	"	4.	10.	18.	20.	52.
Carbasone,	boxes,	10.	30.	60.	66.	166.
Cascara Sag.,	lbs.	10.	30.	60.	66.	166.
" "Compound	"	5.	15.	30.	33.	83.
Cellophane,	yds.	100.	300.	500.	500.	1400.
Centrifuges,sp.tubes	No.	1.	1.	2.	2.	6.
Chloroform,	lbs.	10.	30.	60.	66.	166.
Cotton,	"	100.	300	500.	600.	1500.
Cresolis Liq.,	cwts.	1.	3.	7.	8.	19.
Cupri Cit. Ointment,	lbs	4.	6.	8.	10.	28.
Dextrose,	"	14.	40.	84.	92.	230.
Diuretin,	boxes.	10.	30.	60.	66.	166.
Digitalis,	lbs	4.	8.	14.	14.	40.
Dental Compound,	boxes	10.	30.	60.	66.	166.
Ether,	lbs.	20.	60.	120.	130.	330.
Ethyl Chlor.,	tubes,	36.	72.	144.	144.	396.
Flashlights,	No.	6.	12.	24.	24.	66.
" Sp.batteries,	"	24.	48.	96.	96.	264.
Flasks,asstd.,	"	12.	24.	48.	48.	132.
Funnels, glass,asstd.	"	12.	24.	48.	48.	132.
Filter paper asstd.,	Pkts.	12.	24.	48.	48.	132.
Gauze, plain.	yds.	1500.	4500.	9000.	9500.	24500.
Glycerin.,	lbs.	20.	60.	120.	130.	330.
Gum Benzoin.,	"	4.	8.	14.	16.	42.
Haemoglobinometers,	No.	1.	1.	2.	2.	6.
Hypo needles, asstd.,	dozs.	36.	96.	180.	200.	512.
Hypoloid Ernutin,	boxes	10.	30.	60.	66.	166.
Ichthammol,	lbs	4.	10.	20.	22.	56.
Infusion sets,	No.	1.	1.	2.	2.	6.
Iodine resub.,	lbs	4.	10.	20.	22.	56.
Iron & Anm Cit.,	"	8.	24.	46.	50.	128.
Lead Acetate,	"	1.	3.	6.	6.	16.
Ligatures, asstd.,	tubes,	10.	20.	40.	46.	116.

SHEET No.2.

ITEM.		Ny. (1000)	N.R. (3500)	Ug. (7300)	T.T (7500)	TOTAL.
Liq. Bedans,	Lbs.	2.	6.	12.	14.	34.
Locks,asstd.,	No.	12.	20.	36.	36.	104.
Liq. Ammonia,	lbs.	4.	10.	20.	22.	56.
Lassar's Paste,	"	4.	10.	20.	22.	56.
Lamp bulbs,	No.	24.	48.	96.	96.	264.
Magnesium Oxis.,	lbs	4.	10.	20.	22.	56.
" Sulphate,	cwts.	1.	3.	7.	8.	19.
Menthol,	lbs	1.	2.	4.	5.	12.
Mercury Bichloride,	"	1.	2.	4.	5.	12.
" Oxide,	"	1.	2.	4.	5.	12.
" Oxycyanide,	"	1.	2.	4.	5.	12.
" Ammoniated,	"	1.	2.	4.	5.	12.
Methyl. Salicyl.,	"	4.	10.	20.	22.	56.
Microscopes,monocular,	"	1.	1.	1.	1.	4.
Mosquito netting,	yds.	1000.	3500.	7300.	7500	19300.
Medicine Droppers,	No.	12.	24.	48.	48.	132.
Nails,asstd.,	cwts.	1.	3.	7.	8.	19.
Ol.Chenopodium,	lbs	4.	10.	20.	22.	56.
" Eucalyptus.	"	4.	10.	20.	22.	56
" Theobrom.,	"	1.	2.	4.	4.	11.
" Cedarwood,	"	1.	2.	4.	4.	11.
Perchloron,		?	?	?	?	?
Petrolatum,	cwts.	1.	3.	7.	8.	19.
Pill Tiles,	No.	1.	1.	2.	2.	6.
Plaster of Paris,	cwts.	1.	3.	7.	8	19.
Pot.Antimon,Tart.,	lbs.	½.	1.	2.	2.	5½.
" Chlorate,	"	4.	10.	20.	22.	56.
" Citrate,	"	4.	10.	20.	22.	56.
" Hydroxide,	"	2.	5.	10.	10.	27.
" Iodid.,	"	4.	10.	20.	22.	56.
" Permang.,	"	4.	10.	20.	22.	56.
Pins,	papers,	12.	24.	36.	36.	108.
Phenolsulfonphthalein	ozs.	1.	2.	4.	4.	11.
Procain.Hcl.,	grms.	10.	30.	60.	66.	166.
Phenol Red.	"	10.	30.	60.	66.	166.
Pins,safety.asstd.,	dozs	24.	48.	72.	72.	216.
Resorcinal,	lbs.	1.	2.	4.	4.	11.
Sterilizers,inst.,	No.	1.	2.	3.	3.	9.
Scales, nursery,	Sets,	1.	2.	3.	3.	9.
Scissors,asstd.,	No.	24.	48.	72.	72.	216.
Silver Nitrate,	ozs.	4.	8.	16.	16.	44.
" Protein.,	"	4.	8.	16.	16.	44.
Soda mint,	lbs.	2.	5.	10.	11.	28.
Sod.Acetate,	"	2½.(2)	5.	10.	11.	28.
" Barbital,	ozs.	8.	8.	16.	16.	48.
" Bicarb.,	cwts.	½.	1½.	3.	3.	8.
" Brom.,	lbs.	4.	10.	20.	22.	56.
" Carb.,	"	4.	10.	20.	22.	56.
" Chloride,	"	8.	22.	50.	50.	130.
" Cit.,	"	4.	10.	20.	22.	56.
" Hydroxide,	"	2.	5.	10.	11.	28.
" Iodid.,	"	1.	2.	4.	5.	12.
" Salicyl.	"	4.	10.	20.	22.	56.
" Sulfate,	"	14.	30.	60.	66.	170.
Sphygmomanometers	No.	1.	1.	2	2.	6
Stethoscopes,	"	2.	2.	4.	4.	12.
Stone, sharpening,	"	1.	1.	2.	2.	6.
Salol,	lbs.	4.	10.	20	22	56.
Syringes, asstd.	No.	24.	48.	96.	96.	264.
Surgical blades,	Pkts.	12.	24.	48.	48.	132.
S tills,	No.	1.	2.	3.	3.	9.
Talcum,	lbs.	4.	10.	20.	22.	56.
Thermometers,	No.	24.	48.	96.	96.	264.
Tr. Belladon	lbs.	4.	10.	20.	22.	56.
" Benzoin,	"	4.	10.	20.	22.	56.
" Hyoscyam.,	"	2.	5.	10.	11.	28.

SHEET No. 3.

ITEM.		Ny. (1000)	N.R. (3500)	Ug. (7300)	T.T. (7500)	TOTAL
Tourniquets.	No.	4.	10.	20.	22.	56.
Trial sets.	"	1.	2.	3.	3.	9.
Test tubes,asstd.	dozs.	4.	10.	20.	22.	56.
" "supports	No.	2.	4.	8.	8.	22.
Xylene,	lbs.	1.	3.	6.	6.	16.
Utility jars,asstd.	No.	12.	36.	48.	48.	144.
Zinc Oxid.,	lbs.	4.	10.	20.	22.	56.
" Sulfate,	"	1.	3.	6.	6.	16.

Notes,-

Many essential items such as opiates, quinines, tablets,etc,do not appear in the lists, consequently no attempt has been made to estimate for requirements.

The estimates should be regarded as conservative & do not provide for any reserve stocks beyond the 6 months.

In the absence of detailed contents of cases containing X-Ray apparatus, instruments, enamelware & hardware, no estimates can be given.

Sgd.L Elliott

Medical Store-keeper.

Nairobi,
Nov.16th.,1942

SECRET.

RECORD OF A DISCUSSION HELD IN NAIROBI ON THURSDAY, 12TH NOVEMBER, 1942 REGARDING AMERICAN RED CROSS AID FOR REFUGEES IN EAST AFRICA.

PRESENT: Mr. C. L. Bruton, O.B.E., Commissioner, East African Refugee Administration.

Mr. Ralph Bain, Director, American Red Cross, Middle East.

Mr. James B. Foley, American Red Cross Special Representative in East Africa.

Mr. A. G. Abrahams, Welfare Officer, East African Refugee Administration.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr. M. St.G. Gray, Assistant Secretary, East African Supplies Board.

1. IT WAS NOTED that (a) the Refugees' reception programme provided for the arrival of 21,000 Polish refugees, to be settled in camps in the East African territories and 4,000 Greek refugees in transit for the Belgian Congo, of whom 500 might remain in Tanganyika. The dates of arrival and disposition of these refugees is detailed in Appendix A to these notes, but the general position is:-

TERRITORY	ARRIVING BEFORE END OF DECEMBER 1942	ARRIVING BEFORE END OF APRIL 1943	TOTAL
KENYA	-	1,500	1,500
UGANDA	5,000	2,000	7,000
TANGANYIKA	5,000	2,000	7,000
NORTHERN RHODESIA	-	3,500	3,500
NYASALAND	-	1,000	1,000
Unallocated	-	1,000	1,000
TOTAL:	10,000	11,000	21,000

In addition, there is a possibility that 12,000 Polish refugees might be received in Kenya if certain prisoners of war are removed.

(b) Difficulties had already been experienced and further difficulties could be foreseen in obtaining certain supplies and equipment for the refugees but the most urgent and most important requirements were for hospital requisites and medical drugs and equipment.

(c) The American Red Cross would endeavour to meet all requests made by the East African Refugee Administration for services or supplies within the limits of their policy and resources. (See Agreement dated 11th November, 1942. Appendix B).

2. IT WAS AGREED that the American Red Cross should be asked to provide the following supplies:-

(a) Hospital and Medical Equipment and Drugs.

(i) The American Red Cross should endeavour to meet the requirements under this head from stocks at present held in India. Dental equipment was particularly necessary. (Note: 48 sets of dental forceps may be diverted from Iran).

(ii) A list of the supplies available should be submitted to the Director of Medical Services, Nairobi, who should be asked to advise what items and what quantities were required for 21,000 persons over a period of six months. A bulk indent for all East African requirements, prepared on this advice would then be submitted through the local American Red Cross representative to the authorities concerned in India, who should be asked to consign stocks via Mombasa to the Commissioner, East African Refugee Administration, Nairobi.

(iii) The American Red Cross in India would arrange shipment to Mombasa. Offloading, clearance and transport to Nairobi would be the responsibility of the East African Refugee Administration, which should also endeavour to arrange shipping priority through the Representative of the Ministry of War Transport, Mombasa.

(iv) The supplies on arrival should be held in Nairobi at a central depot from which the territories would be supplied as and when necessary. This procedure was desirable as it would avoid the necessity for the American Red Cross in India having to apportion supplies and pack them separately. It would also lead to economy, as supplies could be issued as circumstances required instead of pro rata according to the population to be served. Supplies for Northern Rhodesia and Nyasaland would be comparatively small and not very bulky. These could be forwarded by overland or by air transport. Adequate supervision over stocks would be provided in Nairobi to minimise risk of deterioration. The services of an experienced medical storekeeper (not necessarily a qualified pharmaceutist) would be required to undertake issues of stocks.

(v) Indents for drugs and medical supplies which the East African Governments had been asked to prepare, would be used as a guide in making initial issues of supplies.

(vi) Stocks would be issued from the central depot to Medical Departments which would be responsible for the further distribution to the individual camps in their respective territories.

(vii) It was desirable to form a central Allocation Committee charged with the equitable distribution of medical supplies and equipment. A person who was in constant touch with all settlements and who would be in a position to know their urgent requirements should be a member of the Committee.

(viii) Supplies of medical equipment provided by the American Red Cross should <u>not</u> be used to replenish the stocks of Government medical departments which had issued stores to camps as an interim measure.

(b) <u>Educational Equipment</u>.

The American Red Cross should be asked to obtain from the United States such essential articles of school equipment as could not be obtained or improvised locally. Items should be strictly limited in number and should include only those which were suitable for being supplied in bulk. Thus equipment such as maps and charts which, although necessary, were required in small numbers, should be excluded.

The fundamental needs were:-

Exercise books and paper.
Pens (i.e. nibs) and penholders.
Ink.
Pencils, lead and coloured.
Erasers (if available).

The quantities should be sufficient for 8,000 school children over a period of six months, and the Director of Education, Nairobi, should be consulted in this regard.

Polish text books and reading matter were not so urgently required and although the Polish delegates were making arrangements for a supply, nevertheless the American Red Cross would endeavour to obtain these through organisations in America such as the Polish-American Women's Council, Chicago.

(c) Clothing.

IT WAS NOTED that wherever possible outer garments would be made by the refugees themselves, primarily with a view to keeping them happily employed. Material for this purpose was necessary.

On the basis that each refugee would be in possession of a certain amount of clothing, and as settlements are sited in warm climates, requirements of material to suffice for a period of six months could be assessed at 10,000 yards each of denim (khaki drill) and gingham.

The American Red Cross would endeavour to obtain these from the United States together with such quantities of made-up garments as were available, together with 10,000 pairs of shoes, (40% for children and 60% for women, large sizes in each case). Requirements of men's shoes were negligible.

(d) Foodstuffs.

IT WAS NOTED that, generally speaking, all articles of food were readily available from local resources with the exception of preserved milk and invalid foodstuffs. Fresh milk was unobtainable at certain settlements. Production of dried milk in East Africa would be considerably augmented in four to six months' time, but in view of the many large military demands (which would receive priority over refugee requirements), it was desirable to form a reserve of preserved milk to ensure that invalids and infants (aged up to six years) would receive supplies.

The American Red Cross would endeavour to obtain from the United States

(i) 1,000 cases of milk (powdered and evaporated) to allow for the issue of one pint per day to 1,000 invalids and infants for a period of six months.

(ii) Sufficient invalid foodstuffs with a high vitamin content to supply 1,000 sick persons for a period of six months.

(e) General Equipment.

IT WAS NOTED that -

(i) The American Red Cross had already asked for 100,000 yards of mosquito netting to be supplied to East Africa. This should suffice for all refugee requirements.

(ii) 10,000 blankets would berequested from Teheran or from the United States to ensure adequate supplies.

(iii) The good offices of the American Red Cross would be used to support priority of supply and shipment of any orders for general camp equipment (plates, mugs, lamps, etc.) which the East African authorities might place in the United States under Lend-Lease.

(f) Canteen Supplies.

IT WAS NOTED as all supplies furnished by the American Red Cross were in the nature of a free gift, it would be inappropriate to ask the Society to provide supplies of personal comforts for sale to the refugees through the camp canteens which were to be established.

3. GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS.

IT WAS NOTED that -

(a) The American Red Cross was only one of several organisations which were endeavouring to assist refugees in East Africa.

It would regard the East African Refugee Administration as the sole official agency for the care of refugees.

(b) Supplies provided by the American Red Cross should be distributed equitably to all refugees (including Greeks) who might require assistance. They were not, however, intended for Italian civilian internees, although consideration would be given to any request for supplies for these persons.

(c) The American Red Cross could accept no continuing responsibility for providing supplies to refugees; and could enter into no forward commitments. The aim was to ensure adequate supplies for immediate requirements only. Sympathetic consideration would, of course, be given to any requests for additional supplies made at a later date, and these would be provided as far as the resources and other commitments of the American Red Cross allowed.

The East African Refugee Administration expressed their appreciation for the generosity of the American Red Cross in undertaking to provide assistance for refugees.

Appendix A

REFUGEES RECEPTION PROGRAMME.

FIRST FLIGHT:	10,000 Poles	-	5,000 T.T. 5,000 U.
	1,000 Greeks	-	1,000 Congo.
SECOND FLIGHT:	11,000 Poles	-	2,000 T.T; 1,500 K; 3,500 N.R; 1,000 N; 2,000 U; 1,000 ?
	3,000 Greeks	-	2,500 Congo; 500 T.T.

FIRST FLIGHT:

POLES:

Nov. 6.	4,500 arrived	-	3,000 T.T;	1,500 U.		
Nov.20.	1,500 arrive	-	1,000 T.T;	500 U.		
Dec. 4.	1,500 arrive	-	-	-	1,000 U.	500 stage.
Dec.18.	1,000 arrive	-	-	-	1,000 U.	stage above.
Jan. 2.	- -	-	-	-	500 U.	
			5,000		5,000	

GREEKS: 900 arrived July 850 Congo Nov. 20th.

MAKINDU staging camp empty save for 48 Greeks + 70 refugees - say: 120 people.
BUT in Dec. 500 Greeks may arrive ..... say: total 620.
+ 500 - 1000 Poles staging - say: 1600 for Makindu, for rest of year and JANUARY.

SECOND FLIGHT:

POLES: Jan. 2. 1,000 arrive Nyasaland via Beira (say 2 lots of 500 in January)
Rest of January free.

Feb. 1.	500	Lusaka via Durban.
Feb. 1.	500	Kenya - Kaimosi (500 Makindu).
Feb. 1.	500	Uganda.
Feb.15.	500	Bwana Mkubwa via Durban.
Feb.15.	500	Uganda (500 Makindu).
Feb.15.	500	Kenya - Kaimosi.
Mar. 1.	500	Abercorn via T.T.
Mar. 1.	500	Uganda (500 Makindu).
Mar. 1.	500	Kenya - Kaimosi.
Mar.15.	500	Lusaka via Durban.
Mar.15.	500	Uganda.
Mar.15.	500	Abercorn via T.T.
Apr. 1.	500	Bwana Mkubwa via Durban.
Apr. 1.	500	Abercorn via T.T.
Apr. 1.	500	say Morogoro, T.T.
Apr.15.	500	Tabora.
Apr.15.	500	Tabora.
Apr.15.	500	Tabora.
May 1.	500	?
May 1.	500	?

GREEKS:

1,000	arrive on Oct. 30	-	Kigoma for Congo.
1,000	arrive say late December:	500	" for Congo.
		500	Makindu for Congo.
1,000	arrive say late January:	500	Congo stage ?
		500	T.T.

Nairobi,
October 28th, 1942.

APPENDIX B.

AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE EAST AFRICAN REFUGEE ADMINISTRATION AND THE AMERICAN RED CROSS.

1. A.R.C. recognises E.A.R.A. as the sole official Government agency responsible for continuing care and repatriation of refugees in East Africa.

2. A.R.C. will endeavour to meet all requests made by E.A.R.A. for services or supplies within the limits of A.R.C. policies and resources.

3. A.R.C. will operate in collaboration with E.A.R.A. and encourage other relief or government agencies; such as Polecross, Greekcross, etc., to also collaborate with E.A.R.A.

4. All A.R.C. supplies are donated without charge and without any anticipation of repayment.

5. E.A.R.A. will arrange for off-loading, transportation, warehousing and final distribution of all A.R.C. supplies without cost to the American Red Cross.

6. A.R.C. has responsibility for supplies until final distribution is made and A.R.C. representatives will have full freedom both to advise on distribution and to observe all handling until such supplies reach the ultimate beneficiaries.

7. A.R.C. representatives may assist in setting up proper warehousing records, delivery orders, receipts, etc. such as are desired by the American Red Cross, Washington, D.C.

8. A.R.C. supplies are to be distributed impartially on the basis of war caused needs regardless of race, colour or creed.

9. This agreement may be amended or modified at a later date by written mutual agreement of the E.A.R.A. and A.R.C.

(Sgd) RALPH BAIN. (Sgd) H.L.G. GURNEY,
Chief Secretary to Governors' Conference.

11th November, 1942.

J. B. Sidebotham Esq.
Colonial Office.

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DEPARTMENTAL NO. 2.

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FROM WASHINGTON TO FOREIGN OFFICE

Viscount Halifax.
No. 5772.

D. 1.35 a.m. 26th November, 1942.
R. 8.50 a.m. 26th November, 1942.

25th November, 1942.

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WITH THE COMPLIMENTS OF
THE UNDER-SECRETARY OF
STATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS
28 NOV 1942

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Your telegram No. 6859.

Points have been made to State Department who have made little progress with Polish Embassy. Latter have not notified them of suspension of shipments for two months. Ministry of War Transport representative in New York has had no instructions to cease providing space and is still allocating 1000 tons monthly. When is suspension to begin? Will Ministry of War Transport instruct New York? Grateful for information as to present position.

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[CYPHER] DEPARTMENTAL NO. 2.

FROM WASHINGTON TO FOREIGN OFFICE.

Viscount Halifax
No. 5771.
25th November, 1942.

D. 1.38 a.m. 26th November, 1942.
R. 8.50 a.m. 26th November, 1942.

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Your telegram No. 6859 paragraph 2.

Red Cross say their representative in Persia has now recommended that supplies en route be retained and used in that area. Society have approved on understanding in penultimate sentence of my telegram No. 5339.

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2. They have received Bain's recommendations for refugee supplies for East Africa and are prepared to give sympathetic consideration when they hear that recommendations have been approved by East African Supply Council.

J.B. Sidebotham, Esq. Colonial Office 46692 October November

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Reference F.O. letter of Oct 22nd to Mr Sidebotham (No W.13933/87/48)

(W13933/87/48).

[Cypher].

DEPARTMENTAL No. 2.

FROM FOREIGN OFFICE TO MINISTER OF STATE CAIRO.

No. 2653 D. 3.35 p.m. 3rd November, 1942.

3rd November, 1942.

Copies sent Mr Hasler (W.C.O.) Mr Lamps (M.E.W.) Mr Hollyer (M.W.T.)

Repeated to Nairobi.

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Your telegram No. 1770 [of the 18th October: supplies for Polish civilians] paragraph 5.

I shall be grateful if a copy of the supplementary programme may in due course be sent directly by Nairobi to the Colonial Office.

[Copies sent to Mr. Armstrong].

(OTP)

J.B. Sidebotham, Esq.,
Colonial Office.

SECRET 4662 November 2nd.

Copies sent. Mr. Hasler (W.E.D.)
Mr. Hollyer (M.W.T.)
Miss Hobley (M. of F.)
Mr Collins (M.E.W.)

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[CYPHER] DEPARTMENTAL NO.2. A

FROM WASHINGTON TO FOREIGN OFFICE 115

Viscount Halifax D. 11.16 p.m. 29th October, 1942
No.5339
29th October, 1942 R. 6.20 a.m. 30th October, 1942

Repeated to the Minister of State, Cairo.

. . . . . Reference F.O. letter of Oct 10th to Mr Sidebotham (W12920/87/48).

IMPORTANT.
MERRA.

I regret delay in replying to your telegram No.6072. American Red Cross are quite prepared in principle to send relief supplies for refugees in East Africa. Before making any decision as regards type and quantity of goods they await recommendations of Bain who is due to go to Nairobi about October 28th. He will also make representations regarding organisation for distribution and personnel.

2. American Red Cross propose to send no further relief supplies to Persia in view of reports they have received from there regarding difficulties of transportation and deterioration of existing stocks. They have asked that, if possible, their consignments now en route to Persia totalling some 900 tons be diverted to Mombasa or other [grp. undec. ? East Africa] port. They are anxious to dispel any impression which may exist that their relief supplies now in Persia are reserved exclusively for Polish refugees. Whereas primary object of assembling supplies there was to help Polish refugees in Persia and in Russia, their representative on the spot has authority to use his discretion, if transportation and other difficulties make it impossible to carry out the scheme before goods perish, and allocate supplies where they can best alleviate suffering among refugees or local population. American Red Cross are therefore willing that stocks in Persia should be used for assisting refugees in East Africa if the authorities on the spot feel that this is desirable and shipping is available. Bain has been so advised.

3. In the event that a relief programme is fixed for refugees in East Africa, I presume that you will arrange necessary shipping space to be made available.

4. See my immediately following telegram.

[Copies sent to Mr. Armstrong].

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[Cypher] DEPARTMENTAL No. 2

FROM FOREIGN OFFICE TO MINISTER OF STATE CAIRO.

No. 2627

31st October, 1942 D. 3.30 p.m. 31st October, 1942

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MERRA.

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Washington telegram to me No. 5339 [of the 29th October: American Red Cross supplies for Middle East].

Please repeat to Tehran and Nairobi.

2. I presume recommendations will be put forward as to paragraph 3 of Washington telegram after Bain's visit to Nairobi.

3. Questions relating to shipping are being taken up here.

[Copy sent to Mr. Dudley Ward].

(OTP)

With Mr. Randall's compliments.

FOREIGN OFFICE, S.W.1.

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W 14548/87/48

4th November, 1942.

Dear Hollyer,

Your letter E. & I.A.535 of October 30th and our conversation of November 3rd.

I enclose a copy of a draft we would prefer, if you and the other recipients of this letter agree, to send to Washington in answer to the Embassy telegrams referred to.

I am sending a copy of this letter and draft telegram to Hasler (Allied Supplies Executive), Sidebotham (Colonial Office), Miss Hobley (Ministry of Food), Collins (Ministry of Economic Warfare) and if you and they concur we will send it off, but if amendments are proposed such as cannot be settled over the telephone, I would suggest that we should have a meeting as soon as possible, using this draft and its references as our agenda.

(Signed) A.W.G. RANDALL.

H.W. Hollyer, Esq.,
Ministry of War Transport.

W 14548/87/48

A.W.G.R.

FOREIGN OFFICE, S.W.1.

November, 1942.

Lord Halifax,

WASHINGTON.

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No.....

Repeat to:

Minister of State.

Tehran.

Copy for concurrence:

Mr. Hasler (A.S.E.)

Mr. Sidebotham, (Colonial Office).

Miss Hobley, (M/Food).

Mr. Collins, (M.E.W.).

Mr. Hollyer, (M.W.T.).

Eastern Department.

Central Department.

MERRA.

Your telegrams Nos. 5339 and 5340 [of 29th and 30th October: supplies for Polish civilians in Persia and Russia].

I appreciate misgivings of State Department over wasteful use of shipping space and undesirable effect on Persian population of seeing supplies for Poles in Persia and Russia held up and deteriorating. But as United States Government, through Lend-Lease and American Red Cross, are now main sources of relief supplies, I should prefer not to intervene at this stage in discussion which Polish Government here say should now be in progress between Polish Ambassador and State Department. If on a review of all facts United States Government decided that reduction in amount of supplies is necessary and justifiable, H.M.G. would certainly not wish shipments to continue at present maximum, and we have in fact, like Polish Government, concurred in suspension of shipments for two months at the end of which position will be reviewed. Polish Government's anticipation is that by that time accumulation would have been worked off and they would wish to resume supplies at the rate of 1,000 tons a month. If, however, clearance has not been effected, but in the meantime further large transfers

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of Polish civilians from Persia to Africa have taken place reduction in tonnage allocation might appear justifiable. With a civilian population in Russia of not less than one million, many of whom suffering great hardship it is inevitable that shipping and relief transit allocation must fall short of Polish requirements. From the beginning, however, H.M.G. have held the view that Polish civilians in Russia are formal responsibility of Russian Government, but that from humanitarian motives H.M.G. were willing to assist with both supplies and transport at a critical time to the utmost of their ability. When this ability was exhausted owing to shortness of supplies, Polish Government turned to United States who are understood to have met Polish appeal with great generosity. Transport must now depend on State Department's balancing of military priorities,* and political and humanitarian considerations involved. H.M.G. have an interest to the extent that

(1) they are concerned that the wholesale starvation of Poles in Russia would affect Polish military morale and prejudice Russo-Polish relations;

(2) Polish civilians removed from Soviet Russia are our responsibility as they were taken out with Polish troups whose services were required.

You should, in discussing question with the State Department, mention these two latter considerations, subject to which we should wish to conform transport facilities to American decision on availability of/

* mainly necessity for getting maximum supplies through to Russia

of supplies and clearance capacity of ports.

2. It is impracticable to divert to Mombassa 900 tons now en route to Persia, but if American Red Cross agree consignment could be held in Persia and sent from there to Mombassa with next shipment of refugees. My comment on programme of Polish relief supplies for Africa will follow when Bain's recommendations have been received.

J.B. Sidebotham, Esq.
Colonial Office

SECRET

November 3rd.

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Reference
F.O. letter of Nov 2nd to
Mr Sidebotham (No W 14529/87/48)

W 14529/87/48

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7031/39/42. 31 October, 1942.

SECRET.

Would you be so good as to refer to paragraph 5 of telegram No. 1770 of the 18th of October from the Minister of State, Cairo, (your reference W.13933/87/48) about the supplementary programme of supplies for refugees in East Africa, which is to be arranged by the American Red Cross.

We should like a copy of this supplementary programme to be sent to the Colonial Office direct from East Africa, and should be grateful if you could include a request to this effect when you are replying to the Minister of State's telegram. As his telegram was repeated to Nairobi you will no doubt be doing the same with your reply.

J. B SIDEBOTHAM

A.W.G. RANDALL, ESQ., O.B.E.

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MR. L.S. Smith 30/10/42

MR. Weatherston 30/10 fs

MR. .....

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For Mr Sidebotham's signature

(Your refce. W 13933/84/48).

Secret.

Dear Randall

~~Sir~~, would you be so good as to refer ~~with refce.~~ to para. 5 of ~~the~~ telegram No. 1470 of the 18th of October from the Minister of State, Cairo, ~~regarding~~ about the supplementary programme of supplies for refugees in East Africa, which is to be arranged by the American Red Cross. ~~I am to request you to inform Mr. Secretary Eden that he would be glad if arrangements could be made for~~ We should like a copy of this supplementary programme to be sent direct to the ~~Colony~~ Colonial

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N.P.

To A.W.G. Randall Esq; ~~The U.S.O.S.,~~ O.B.E.
Foreign Office.

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Office direct from East Africa
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~~and for the reply which is to be returned to the Minister of State to be repeated to Nairobi.~~

~~I am to~~

Yours Sincerely

Sd.

J. B. Sidebotham

J.B. Sidebotham, Esq.,
Colonial Office.

SECRET

October 22nd

Reference
F.O. letter of Oct 10th to Mr Sidebotham
No W.12920/87/48

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DEPARTMENTAL NO. 1.

FROM MINISTER OF STATE CAIRO TO FOREIGN OFFICE

No. 1770 D. 1.05 p.m. 18th October, 1942.
18th October, 1942. R. 6.00 p.m. 18th October, 1942.

Repeated to Nairobi No. 87.

copies sent
Mr Hasler (A.S.E., W.E.O.)
Mr Camps (M.E.W.)

MERRA. 0 0 0 0

Your 2339.

It seems clear that consignments to Polish refugees in Russia and Persia on Lease-Lend and from Polish Consul-General New York, should be included within shipping allocation and be the key programme.

2. But American Red Cross supplies referred to in my telegram No. 1214 of August 3rd last are not Lease-Lend.

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3. American Red Cross had already been informed by Merra that in no circumstances should goods be shipped which can be obtained locally without disruption of national economy. As a result the probabilities of list tentatively outlined in my telegram No. 1214 had already been considerably modified.

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4. Further by Middle East Supply Centre telegram No. 94 Saving to United Kingdom Commercial Corporation New York September 21st all shipments of Polish refugees' supplies to Persian Gulf have been suspended for 2 months. Unless the rate of evacuation of Polish refugees is materially retarded, it is anticipated by the authorities concerned that no part of supplies mentioned in my telegram No. 1214 need be shipped to Persian Gulf, and arrangements have already been concerted between Merra and American Red Cross as a result of which it is anticipated, subject to what is said below, supplies will be diverted to East Africa for refugees now arriving in African territories.

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5. American Red Cross Cairo propose to collaborate with East African authorities with a view to formulating a ten months programme of supplies including eggs, evaporated milk and medicaments supplementary both to East Africa authorities own supply programme and to that of refugee organisations. An official representative of the American Red Cross will be assigned by Bain from Cairo for purposes in view. If desired this supplementary programme can be sent to [group undec: ?Colonial Office] direct from East Africa and also a copy to you from Merra.

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6. It seems probable that all requirements for the Poles and Greeks in African territories could also be Lease-Lend and subject to controlled shipping programme, but in so far as these requirements include certain American Red Cross supplies in most urgent need such as vitamins concentrates mosquito netting etc. it is hoped in view of their comparative small bulk that special shipping priorities may be accorded in these special cases.

311 7. This answers your telegram No. 2394.

[Copies sent to Mr. Armstrong and Mr. Hopkinson].

Sidebotham Esq.
Colonial Office

October 10th
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DEPARTMENTAL NO.2.

FROM FOREIGN OFFICE TO MINISTER OF STATE, CAIRO.

No.2394.
7th October, 1942.

D. 10.15 p.m. 7th October, 1942.

Copies sent Mr. Hasler (W.C.O.)
Mr Hollyer (M.W.T.)
Miss Hobley (M of F.)
Mr Collins (M.E.W.)

[ ] [ ] [ ]

MERRA.

Your telegram No.1214 Merra [of the 1st October] and my telegram No.2339 [of the 1st October: American Red Cross supplies for Polish civilians].

In view of difficulties in the way of despatch of these goods to Middle East and of fact that a considerable number of Polish civilians formerly in Persia for whom they were originally destined are now in East Africa, with the prospect of more to follow it is for consideration whether the supplies in question, if transport could be arranged, should not be diverted to these refugees in Africa where it is understood they are in need of medical supplies, fruit juice, dried milk, etc. and where it has been suggested by the Governors' Conference, American Red Cross might be willing to consent to supervision of distribution by Abrahams, formerly in charge of American Red Cross operations in Eritrea under Bain and now attached to East African Refugee Administration at Nairobi, who could maintain direct contact with Bain or with any other representative American Red Cross might nominate.

2. I should be grateful for your views.

[Copies sent to Mr. Armstrong].

O.T.P.

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[CYPHER] DEPARTMENTAL NO. 2.

FROM FOREIGN OFFICE TO WASHINGTON.

No. 6072.
7th October, 1942.

D. 10.25 p.m. 7th October, 1942.

Repeated to Minister of State, Cairo No. 2395.

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MERRA.

Minister of State recently received from American Red Cross in Middle East promise of food, clothing, medical supplies, vitamins, etc. valued at $610,322, sufficient for 30,000 Polish civilian refugees in Persia for 90 days, but which on account of restriction on shipping space allocated to Poles it has not hitherto been possible to despatch.

10,000 of approximately 40,000 Polish civilians in Persia have proceeded or are proceeding to East African Colonies, with prospect of more to follow, and since in these areas many of the supplies in question, such as fruit juice, dried milk, etc., appear to be in shorter supply than in Middle East, it has been suggested by Colonial authorities that American Red Cross might be willing to make available supplies of these goods in East Africa, distribution, etc., to be arranged, by A.E. Abrahams, formerly in charge of American Red Cross operations in Eritrea under Bain, and now attached to East African Refugee Administration at Nairobi, who could maintain direct contact with Bain or with any other representative the American Red Cross might nominate.

2. Immediate requirements are for 10,000 refugees, rising to possible 20,000.

3. I should be grateful if you would discuss matter with American Red Cross and report their attitude to this suggestion.

[Copies sent to Mr. Armstrong].

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FOREIGN OFFICE,
S.W.1.

(W 12649/10110/48)

25th September,
1942.

Dear Watherston,

Many thanks for your letter of the 19th September enclosing a copy of a telegram from the East African Governors' Conference regarding medical supplies, etc. for Polish refugees.

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We have this matter in hand.

Yours sincerely

A. Walker

D.G. Watherston, Esq.,
Colonial Office.

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Downing Street,

S. W. 1.

19 September, 1942.

Dear Walker,

You may already have seen the enclosed copy of a telegram from East Africa about the urgent need for medical supplies and other things for Polish refugees.

May we leave it to you to take whatever action you consider most appropriate?

Yours sincerely,

E. A. WALKER, ESQ.,

C.O.

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